

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF

ROBERT E. LEE

ENTERED ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON JANUARY 10, 1938

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Date	PERMANENT BRIEFS	
11/12/55	Added 3188/1112	
10-2-70	" LLD/jr	
CAF-9 ENTRANCE SALARY \$3200		
SALARY CHANGES		
Date	Grade	Salary
6-1-39	CAF-10	\$3500
6-16-40	CAF-10	\$3600
2-16-41	CAF-11	\$3800
7-1-41	CAF-12	\$4600
1-1-44	CAF-12	\$4800
7-16-44	CAF-13	\$5600
7-1-45	CAF-13	\$6230
7-2-45	CAF-13	\$6440
1-28-46	CAF-13	\$6630
3-24-46	CAF-13	\$6860
7-1-46	CAF-13	\$7820.40
6-28-46	RESIGNED	

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 10/2/70

FROM : J. B. Adams

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Brennan, C.D. _____
Callahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Tavel _____
Walters _____
Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
Former Special Agent (A)
Administrative Division
(Went on leave without pay 6/28/46, upon assignment to position with Appropriations Committee, House of Representatives; resigned 1/31/47 effective 6/28/46; initially appointed Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, 10/6/53; currently serving third term.)

PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty	1/10/38
Reported to Field	4/16/38
Resigned	6/28/46
Last Grade and Salary	CAF-13, \$6860
Last Salary Change	3/24/46 - Meritorious Increase
Age	58 - Born 3/31/1912
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Marital Status	Married - 3 Children
Education	Attended University 3 years - No degree
Offices of Preference as of 10/43	Chicago, Miami, Grand Rapids
1946 Annual Performance Rating	EXCELLENT
Firearms Ability	Qualified
Outstanding Endorsers	None
Relatives in Bureau	None
Offices of Assignment:	
4/16/38	assigned Richmond
11/26/38	reported Newark
6/30/39	reported Chicago
2/28/41	reported Administrative Division
6/28/46	resigned

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ROBERT E. LEE

1/20/41

At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Clegg said he possessed average ability, was lacking in initiative, had average evidences of forcefulness, was below average in ability to handle an automobile and although given considerable training he still needed supervised practice before he could be well qualified, was almost totally lacking in knowledge of rural sections and conditions, however, he was a hard worker, was on his toes ready to undertake any assignment conscientiously and adapted rather easily to the work in the class.

On 4-16-38 he reported to his first office of assignment at Richmond. SAC Gurnea reported that he generally conducted a good investigation for a new Agent but had a tendency to omit some important phases of some investigations and his reports, while generally satisfactory, had required considerable supervision, was a fair dictator, considering his length of service, appeared to possess reasonably mature judgment, was tactful, was only a fair automobile driver and needed more experience in that respect, was making satisfactory progress, and with additional training and experience, it was believed he would develop into a better than average Agent. On one occasion while assigned to that office he was cautioned to exercise better judgment in view of the fact he had personally guaranteed the court appearance of a John E. Burns, who represented himself as a Bureau clerical employee and who had been arrested for speeding.

On 11-26-38 he was transferred to Newark where he served until 6-30-39. SAC Kitchen submitted efficiency reports which revealed this Agent's accounting work had proven very satisfactory and he exhibited a good knowledge of accounting generally, had a good, alert mind and utilized good judgment in his work, had initiative and enthusiastically used that quality, was forceful, aggressive and never shirked any duty, his reports required about average supervision, his dictation was above the average, his firearms ability was about average with the exception of the practical pistol course and it was recommended that he be given additional training in that respect, it was not believed that he possessed any administrative or executive ability, but it was felt experience might bring out latent possibilities in both of those qualities. On 6-1-39 he was reallocated to CAF-10 at \$3500 per annum.

From 6-30-39 until 2-28-41 he was assigned to Chicago. During that period, he was reallocated to CAF-10 at \$3600 and CAF-11 at \$3800 per annum. SAC Devereaux reported this Agent was well qualified to handle about any type of accounting investigation that might be assigned to him and that he had also indicated an aptitude for fugitive investigations and some of the weightier problems developed in the course of general investigative work, presented a good appearance, had an outstanding personality, possessed good judgment, had a perseverance and tenaciousness that had stood him in good stead in the development of his investigative cases, was able to contact the public in a manner that spoke well for the Bureau as a whole, police officers spoke extremely well of him, his overtime had been outstanding and he had been conspicuous by the fact that he had always volunteered for any and all types of investigative assignment, it was believed that his development along administrative lines should be rapid and that he did have real administrative supervisory possibilities.

On 2-28-41 he was transferred to the Seat of Government and was assigned to the Chief Clerk's Office. On 7-1-41 he was reallocated to CAF-12 at \$4600 per annum. By letter dated 9-2-41 he was censured for his carelessness and obvious neglect in not having all the facts pertaining to Arthur Armstrong in the brief ^{upon} which a decision was based which led to the appointment of Armstrong as a Special Agent. On 3-31-42 Mr. Glavin rated him as EXCELLENT and said he had been assigned to the supervision of the applicant briefing section and that he had done a great job, had the disposition and the personality to secure cooperation not only from those working under his jurisdiction but also from the Field, it was felt he had a well-rounded experience, both at the Seat of Government and in the Field, and it was also felt he could handle Assistant Special Agent in Charge or Number One Man's position in any one of the larger offices in the service.

Mr. Starke interviewed this Agent at the In-Service Training School in August 1942 and said he made a very good, substantial appearance and without question, had his feet on the ground and knew where he was going with the Bureau.

On 3-31-43 Mr. Glavin rated him as EXCELLENT and said he had continued to handle the personnel procurement program of the Bureau, had assisted Mr. Acers, was a member of the Personnel Council, and it was felt he had done one of the outstanding jobs in the Bureau and the credit for the Bureau being able to secure the employees that it had should go to the efforts of this Agent. This Agent worked hours on end without thought of personal comfort or health in the performance of his duties, he had "drawn water out of wells which had run dry" in securing of personnel, it was primarily his ideas on the Emergency Personnel Program and on the Part Time Personnel Program, he had supervised the men handling those duties in the field and he had been able to keep the Agents in Charge in line in a most unpleasant task of demanding additional qualified applicants time after time. Mr. Glavin also said this Agent was very well qualified in a supervisory capacity, was qualified to handle one of the higher supervisory positions either in Washington or in the field, and although he had been away from the field for some time, it was felt with a short period of training in the field he could take one of the smaller field offices as the Agent in Charge and run it to the credit of the Bureau. He had a happy-go-lucky constitution with the necessary intelligence and fortitude to do hard work which made him a valuable employee to the Bureau.

On 1-1-44 his salary was increased to \$4800 per annum under the Uniform Promotion Act. On 1-25-44 Mr. Glavin submitted this Agent's name in connection with the long-range program for the development and future selection of Agents for the position of SAC.

On January 28 and 29, 1944 he attended the Inspectors' Training School. He also took the Administrative Firearms Course at Quantico and SAC Sloan certified to his qualification in that course. By letter dated 2-18-44 ASAC Crowl said this Agent had assisted him during the entire inspection of the Pittsburgh Field Division from February 7th to 13, 1944 inclusive and had also assisted in the dictation of the report; that he was of considerable assistance in inspecting the physical condition and maintenance of the office as well as many other phases of the assignment, exhibited an excellent attitude, was mentally alert, extremely helpful to the writer, and he was instructed in the various phases of the inspection on which he did not work in order to broaden his knowledge of office inspections.

On 3-31-44 Mr. Glavin rated him EXCELLENT and said he was acting as Chief Clerk and had handled his duties excellently wherever assigned. It was felt that the success we have had in getting employees during the past several years has been attributable to his efforts. He was an excellent accountant, did a good job on the preparation of budget material for the coming year and was keeping on top of the budget studies this year. He had streamlined the units and we were getting better results with fewer number of employees, he was a good contact man, was a good man to handle personnel, had had a well rounded field experience, could handle any of the smaller offices of the Bureau at the present time as Special Agent in Charge and he could be given an assignment of Assistant SAC of any office of the Bureau and we could rest assured that he would handle the work well with the thought in mind always that the Bureau must receive first consideration. It was felt that he should be retained in his present assignment, however, if through other assignment he could advance in the service no objection would be raised to such an assignment although it would be particularly difficult to secure a replacement who would be able to handle the work presently being handled by him.

He assisted in an inspection of the Washington Field Division in March, 1944, and Mr. Egan

advised that he worked hard, used extremely good judgment, was capable of meeting people and winning their confidence and he was above average in intelligence, willingness and loyalty and it was felt that he was capable of conducting any inspection without further supervision. On 4-16-44, he was designated Chief Clerk of the Administrative Division.

On 7-3-44, Mr. Glavin advised that it was felt that since Mr. Lee was performing the work that had regularly been classified in Grade CAF 13 work by the Civil Service Commission that he should be reallocated to Grade CAF 13 at \$5600 per annum. Mr. Tolson agreed.

On 7-16-44, he was reallocated to CAF 13, \$5600 per annum as Special Agent (Chief Clerk). On 12-2-44, SAC Brantley advised he assisted him in an inspection of the Chicago Office in November, 1944 and said he understood Bureau policies, knew the purposes of inspections, was able to get along with the supervisory and other personnel, was thorough, vigorous, and industrious and in all respects did an excellent job. Mr. Brantley stated that he should be pleased to have this Agent assigned to him in connection with any other inspections the Bureau might see fit to assign him in the future.

On 2-26-45, Mr. Egan advised this Agent assisted him in an inspection of the Washington Field Office and during that time he was found to be an industrious, interested, willing and hard worker, exercised excellent judgment, could take ahold of any work assigned to him and handled it with little or no supervision. He had clearly demonstrated that he had executive and administrative ability and he was considered capable of taking charge and directing an inspection of any office as he had a likable personality, mature judgment and had a happy faculty for getting along with the employees in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Egan considered him far above average on this type of work. Mr. Glavin made the following notation: "Lee has done an outstanding job wherever assigned".

On 3-31-45, Mr. Glavin rated him EXCELLENT and said he had continued in the face of much personal adversity to perform an outstanding job. He had continued to perform outstanding work in the budgetary and accounting division of the Bureau, was able to get along with folks and his subordinate employees have the greatest confidence in him. Mr. Glavin stated he was very loyal to the Director and the Bureau and there would be no hesitancy of recommending him for any assignment the Director might wish to give him. He was outstanding as a Supervisor and it was felt he was best serving the Bureau in his present position.

As a result of a basic increase in pay effective 7-1-45, and a \$210 meritorious increase in pay, effective 7-2-45, his salary was increased to \$6440 per annum in Grade CAF13.

On 7-4-45, Mr. Tracy advised he assisted him in an inspection of the Laboratory during March and April, 1945 and said he was thorough, was well grounded in Bureau policy and procedure, was imaginative and as a result he was able to do a highly satisfactory job. He was an excellent man at detail and during the course of the inspection worked out several suggested changes in the procedure, some of which were adopted and which should prove of considerable benefit to the efficient operation of the Laboratory. It was the opinion he was extremely well qualified to handle Bureau inspections.

By letter dated 10-25-45 he was commended by the Director for the fine work he performed on a special assignment involving a survey of the Department of Justice.

With reference to the Director's memorandum concerning agents who should be considered on a long range basis for development as Special Agent in Charge, Mr. Glavin advised he felt

this Agent could handle a Special Agent in Charge position in any of the offices of the Bureau, outside of possibly New York, at the present time, however, it was felt he could much better serve the Bureau in his present position.

On 1-28-46, he was afforded a \$210 promotion under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act, to \$6630 per annum in Grade CAF 13.

On 3-24-46, he was afforded a \$230 meritorious increase to \$6860 per annum in Grade CAF 13. On 3-31-46, Mr. Glavin rated him EXCELLENT and said he was thoroughly familiar with all procedures of the Administrative Division, was qualified to assist in inspections and through his studies he was responsible for the installation of the IBM system which had materially reduced man hours of work in preparing payrolls and he was thoroughly familiar with all of our budget procedures and could be depended upon at all times to handle complex budget problems. Mr. Glavin had no hesitancy in stating that he was entirely capable of handling the Administrative Division. He was well liked by the employees, had native ability and intelligence to get along with outsiders and other Government agencies, he was qualified to be considered as SAC in practically any office in the country with the exception of the New York Office at this time and he was well qualified in the use of Bureau firearms, had a good knowledge of Bureau procedure and could handle any type of investigation. He was especially valuable in connection with any complicated or involved accounting cases, he could be used on any dangerous assignment and he was entirely loyal to the Director and the Bureau.

On 4-8-46, Mr. Egan advised this Agent assisted him in an inspection of the General Investigative Division and it was found that he was thoroughly conscientious, sincere, understood the Bureau policies well and conducted an excellent inspection and he had executive and administrative ability and was qualified to organize and conduct inspections and direct the work of others under him. He was considered as an Excellent Inspector.

During an inspection of the Administrative Division in April, 1946, Mr. Egan said he presented a good appearance, was an expert accountant, had executive and administrative ability and was far above average in all respects. Mr. Glavin said he was qualified to assist in inspections, was responsible for the installation of the IBM system which had materially reduced man hours in preparing payrolls, was entirely capable of handling the Administrative Division and was qualified to be considered as SAC in practically any office in the country except the New York Office. Status EXCELLENT.

By letter dated 5-15-46, SAC Cornelius expressed his appreciation to the Director for making this Agent available to address a School of Law Enforcement Administration at Syracuse in April and May, 1946 and said it was felt that the manner in which the assignment was handled could not help but be of very real assistance to the Bureau in New York State.

Effective 6-28-46 this employee was loaned to the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 79th Congress. On 6-28-46 the Director saw him and said he outlined to Mr. Lee generally the duties which the Director understood he would be called upon to perform and emphasized it was the Director's desire that he vigorously carry out any investigations assigned to him by the Appropriations Committee without regard to politics or any other influence. The Director believed that he would carry on in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Lee worked on the Appropriations Committee on a loan basis until 1-31-47, when he submitted a letter of resignation. Inasmuch as he had been formerly removed from the Bureau's rolls as of 6-28-46, (the time when he commenced performance of duties with this Committee) The effective resignation date was as of that date of 6-28-46. In his letter of resignation dated 1-31-47, he did not go into detail concerning the reasons for his resignation, but his file indicated that he did discuss this personally with the Director and the resignation was occasioned by his decision to become permanently attached to the Committee.

Mr. Mohr stated in a memorandum for Mr. Tolson dated 7-9-47 that Mr. Lee advised that he had a conference with Mr. Taber in which he pointed out to Mr. Taber that there had been many trials and tribulations in connection with his assignment on the Hill, and Lee was referring particularly to some of the difficulties he had had with the clerk of the Committee, George Harvey. Lee said he told Congressman Taber that if he did not feel he was satisfied with the way he was handling his assignments that he, Lee would prefer to gracefully fade out of the picture and possibly secure something somewhere else. Lee said that Mr. Taber advised him that he was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which he was handling his job and most certainly wanted him to stay with him. Lee stated that there was a considerable amount of political pressure on the Hill and political ramifications and cited as an instance the fact that Taber released publicity with respect to the proposed investigation of the Internal Revenue Bureau, wherein Taber indicated what the investigators were to find. Lee pointed out that such premature publicity very definitely was harmful and up to that moment he had no indication that any such conditions existed in the Internal Revenue Bureau. It was noted that Mr. Lee furnished the foregoing information in the strictest of confidence.

On 2-19-48 Robert Lee, formerly with the Bureau and now assigned to the Appropriations Committee to the House of Representatives, called to see the Director and during the course of the conversation he stated that there was employed by the Committee and assigned to his office a man by the name of Harry Barger, formerly an attorney in the Department of Justice and a very close friend of Congressman Wigglesworth. He stated that Barger was very much of a griper and from time to time he had made comments and criticisms of the Bureau and practically everything else. He stated that recently

Barger was criticizing the Bureau for its radio program and the fact that Government funds were being utilized in the presentation of this. The Director told Mr. Lee that of course this was not true; that the program was sponsored and paid for by the Equitable Life Insurance Company, with memoranda on closed cases of the Bureau, which memoranda were available to any writer or person interested in such matters, and that after the script was written it was then sent to the Bureau and reviewed, which review took only a very short period of time.

By memorandum dated 8-31-49, from Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson information was set forth that Congressman Cannon made a speech on the floor of the House on 8-14-49, concerning the manner in which House Appropriations Committee Investigating Staff was functioning at that time. Apparently Congressman Ben Jensen had taken issue with Congressman Cannon and Jensen included in the Congressional Record a memorandum which previously had been prepared by Lee explaining the disadvantages of the Investigative Staff, which was then being utilized by Congressman Cannon. In this memorandum, Lee listed eight disadvantages but did not state to whom they referred. The memorandum by Mr. Mohr stated that any ordinary person reading the memorandum of Lee's would think that the disadvantages referred to the FBI and the personnel which the FBI had loaned to the Appropriations Committee, as well as referring to the members of other Governmental agencies which at that time were being utilized by the Committee. In this connection, the Director stated "Certainly Lee takes some very vicious digs at the FBI which are entirely untrue and unwarranted. His letter to Cannon is as vilifying as any statement ever made against us. H"

Memorandum from Mr. G. A. Nease dated 12-28-49 reflected that Bob Lee called him to advise that he had been offered a position by the General Accounting Office as Deputy head of their investigative division. Lee indicated that he was not interested at that time as it would mean a considerable reduction in salary. He advised that sometime ago the head of the G.A.O. investigative division retired and there was a young man by the name of Ellis appointed to fill the vacancy. Ellis had now approached Lee to act as his deputy and to possibly head up the division in a year or so as Ellis expected to return by then to the legal field. Lee thought the Director would be interested in this in the event inquiries were made of the Bureau concerning him.

By letter dated 11-28-50, the Director congratulated Lee for his selection by Flair Magazine as one of the ten "Wise Young Men of Washington."

By memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson dated 12-3-52, information was set forth reflecting that the Director had interviewed Lee on that date and Lee indicated he had been offered the position of Assistant Director of the Budget under President-Elect Eisenhower. Lee indicated that he had decided to remain with Congressman Taber to head up the operations of the investigative group of the House Appropriations Committee of the new Congress.

On 12-3-52, Lee likewise contacted Mr. Mohr and stated that his contemplated plans in connection with his expected position in the new (83rd) Congress was that he thought of utilizing former Special Agents in various cities on a more or less consultant basis at \$50 a day to handle specific short-term inquiries. Mr. Lee was in turn advised that it was believed that the Bureau could give him names of suitable former Special Agents in the various cities.

On 2-10-53 a service record on this former Special Agent was prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

On 2-13-53 a service record was prepared for the Special Inquiry Section for transmittal to the Atomic Energy Commission. In connection with this inquiry the Atomic Energy Commission advised that Mr. Lee, in his present capacity as a member of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, Congress of the United States, would study the 1954 Atomic Energy Commission budget. In connection with his duties, Mr. Lee would have access to restricted data and exclusion areas.

On 6-18-53 Mr. Lee called Mr. Mohr and stated he was in Chicago last week and had set up an investigation of the Railroad Retirement Board. It appeared that Congressman Fred Busby's subcommittee was interested in this inquiry. Lee stated that Whittaker Chambers worked for the Railroad Retirement Board as well as an individual by the name of Silverman, who Lee indicated had a bad record. Lee stated that he planned to check the names of employees of the Railroad Retirement Board through the House Un-American Activities Committee file; however, he said if the Bureau had any information concerning any individuals in the Railroad Retirement Board who were bad security risks or loyalty risks, he would appreciate receiving any information we could give him, particularly as to their identity. Mr. Mohr informed him that if we had anything of any consequence we would get in touch with him.

By memorandum dated 7-14-53, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, information was set forth reflecting that Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Committee, had contacted Mr. Nichols concerning certain matters and inquired concerning Bob Lee. Apparently Cohn was interested in the possibility of having Lee become connected with that Committee; however, Cohn was furnished no recommendation on the part of this Bureau relative to Lee. During the course of this contact Cohn indicated he had talked to several people and everyone said that Lee was a good man "but". Mr. Nichols then asked Cohn if McCarthy did not get his original list of Commies from Lee. Mr. Nichols said "Cohn very quickly got the point and stated that he certainly would bring the press down on the Committee."

By memorandum dated 7-14-53, from the Director to Mr. Tolson, he advised that on 7-13-53, Lee contacted him and advised that he was a candidate for

the position of Assistant Comptroller General, which vacancy was occasioned by the recent death of Mr. Yates. Lee added that a Mr. Weitzel, then employed in the General Accounting Office, was being sponsored for the same position by the present Comptroller General, Mr. Lindsay Warren, and that Warren had obtained a commitment for this appointment of Weitzel from former Governor Sherman Adams. Lee added that Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber were active in his (Lee's) support, and that Senator Bridges was to see President Eisenhower on 7-14-53, relative to Lee's possible appointment. Lee was advised that this Bureau had received a request from the White House for an investigation of Mr. Weitzel.

On 8-28-53 a service record was prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to the White House. They were advised that his services were satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Memorandum dated 9-25-53 reflected that Earl Gammons of the Columbia Broadcasting System advised Mr. McGuire that he heard a rumor that former Special Agent Robert E. Lee might be appointed today to one of the vacancies at Federal Communications Commission. Gammons stated he heard a rumor and wondered if it was correct. Gammons was told that this was correct. It was noted in this memorandum that Lee's wife Rex, was to be Matron of Honor at the wedding next week of Senator Joe McCarthy and Jean Kerr at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Gammons stated he hoped this might be good news to CBS if Lee should be appointed, as CBS had had a lot of trouble over at FCC and from what he had heard, Lee sounded like a good man who had the confidence of Taber and others on the Hill.

The Washington Post's 10-7-53, issue sets forth Lee's appointment to the Federal Communications Commission. Therein, Lee was described as a close friend of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. The Director wrote on 10-7-53, congratulating Lee on his appointment to this position.

By letter dated 10-8-53 this former Special Agent advised the Director that on a recent investigation in London, England, he had occasion to contact the Bureau's liaison Office and thought the Director would like to know that they were most helpful in arranging some interviews at Scotland Yard. It was Lee's opinion that the Bureau was ably represented in London. This letter was acknowledged on 10-15-53.

Drew Pearson's broadcast, 10-11-53, contained the prediction that Democratic Senators would probably battle against Lee's confirmation to the FCC job and considered it a personal affront to appoint Lee to this position when his name was contained in a report of investigation of the 1950 Maryland Senatorial campaign involving Senators Tydings and Butler, which investigation the Justice Department had under consideration. Pearson pointed out that the Statute of Limitations would expire in thirty days. Pearson said

that Senators Heddings of Minnesota and Monroney of Oklahoma wanted to know what the Justice Department planned with respect to the charges of corruption concerning the afore-mentioned campaign.

The Washington Post's 10-19-53, issue contained an article reflecting that Democratic Senators oppose Lee's appointment to FCC. The article quoted Senator Monroney as saying that he thought Lee's part in the 1950 Maryland Senatorial campaign bore further looking into. The article also said the Attorney General advised no evidence of Federal fraud or election law violations by McCarthy was found in the campaign or in the handling of finances. Monroney protested that the Attorney General was giving a clean bill to the ugly features of one of the dirtiest political campaigns in recent history and mentioned Lee as being involved in the handling of contributions which the Subcommittee said never were reported to appropriate Maryland authorities. The article said that Lee's testimony during the Subcommittee hearings reflected he received a \$5000 check made out to the Butler campaign organization from Alvin M. Bentley. Lee took the check to Jon Jonkel, Butler's campaign manager in Baltimore, who endorsed it over to Lee's wife. Most of the money was used to cover costs to address and mail campaign postcards bearing Butler's picture. Lee advised a reporter there was nothing irregular about his acceptance of the check and that he had no responsibility for reporting it to the proper Maryland authorities as a contribution. The article pointed out there had been no indication yet whether the Democrats would make a party issue of Lee's nomination and if they did, confirmation would be extremely doubtful since they outnumbered the Republicans 48 to 47.

By letter dated 11-16-53 Senator Mike Monroney, noted that as the Director knew, Mr. Robert E. Lee was appointed on 10-7-53 as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. This appointment would come before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the Senate in January for confirmation. Senator Monroney was a member of that Committee. It was the Senator's understanding that Mr. Lee was in the Bureau for several years. He would appreciate if the Bureau would inform him of the date he was employed by the Bureau, the date he was removed from the Bureau's rolls, and his employment record while at the Bureau. In a memorandum prepared prior to answering Senator Monroney's inquiry it was noted that this inquiry reflected that the Senator might be looking for ammunition to use against Lee at the time his confirmation comes up in January, 1954. In a letter to Senator Monroney dated 11-20-53, he was advised that this former Special Agent's record was satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

On 4-9-54 he was advised that an appointment to the position of Clerk in the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been tendered [redacted]

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The Director saw Former Special Agent Lee, who was now a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, on 10-21-54. Mr. Lee called merely to pay his respects and to discuss generally some of the problems which he had been facing in his new position with the Federal Communications Commission. The Director assured Mr. Lee that this Bureau was desirous of extending the fullest cooperation in any matters of mutual interest.

Memorandum dated 11/29/55 reflected that David Williams, formerly Deputy U. S. Marshal in the District who now worked in the Office of Commissioner Robert E. Lee of the Federal Communications Commission, advised that Mr. Lee's wife had recently underwent a very serious operation and it was found that she had a malignant growth which would require an even more serious operation in about six weeks' time. It was noted, Mrs. Lee, was the matron for Jean on the occasion of her wedding to Senator McCarthy. The Director's personal letter was sent to Mr. Lee expressing sincere hopes for his wife's early recovery.

On 6/12/56, SA G. W. Gunn of the Crime Records Section met Federal Communications Commissioner Robert E. Lee and a group of his friends in Mr. Mohr's office and conducted them on a detailed special tour of the Bureau. At the conclusion of the tour, the group met the Director. Mr. Hoover autographed the target of one of Mr. Lee's friend's son and the entire group was very appreciative of this kindness on the Director's part. When the group was leaving the building, Mr. Lee mentioned that he and his wife always have held the Director in the highest esteem and that Mrs. Lee, in fact, was a strong advocate of the view that the Director should be President. The above for information.

By letter dated 6/27/60 the Director congratulated Mr. Lee on his reappointment as Commissioner.

Memorandum dated 1/20/67 reflected that [redacted] and his father and brother, [redacted] had been named by informants as members of the La Cosa Nostra. [redacted]

It was recommended and approved by the Director that Mr. Lee be advised confidentially of the data we had developed concerning the [redacted]

On 1/24/67 Mr. Mohr saw Mr. Lee and briefed him fully concerning the information regarding the above. Mr. Lee stated he was very appreciative to the Director for making this information available to him, however, he didn't know what he was able to do about it at the present time. He stated he was understandably shocked and would have to clearly weigh this information in the future. He did state that [redacted]

[redacted] Lee was hopeful that in the year's time maybe this romance would come to an end. The above for information.

It is noted that articles appearing in the newspapers reflected that Mr. Lee had asked President Johnson to permit him to retire as Commissioner but had received no response. The Director's letter was sent to him on 7/7/67.

In a newspaper clipping dated 7/17/67 reflected that President Johnson announced this date that he intended to nominate Robert E. Lee for a third seven-year term as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Letter dated 7/18/67, the Director extended best wishes for his continued success.

It is noted that Commissioner Lee is a former Special Agent who is currently on the Special Correspondents' List and is known to the Director on a first name basis.



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Washington, D. C.

Director
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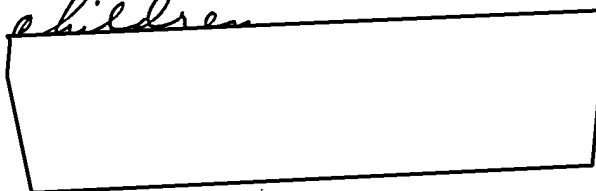
Washington

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36
of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised
that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:-

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- (A) Marital Status:
(Married employees
state spouse's place
of employment)

Yes - children


- (B) Date of Birth:

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- (C) Names of parents,
brothers and sisters:

Father - Patrick J. Lopez
Sisters - Sister Mary St. Cecilia B. V. M.
Mrs. E. M. O'Connell
Mrs. Betty Klauke
Brother Edward J. Lee

- (D) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:

Wife - Wilma E. Rector
Father - Jesse Rector
Brother Robert Rector

- (E) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:



(F) Names of societies or organizations with which connected:

None

(G) Legal Residence:

Alexandria Va

(H) Education:

(Names of Schools attended and degrees received)

*St Paul University
Graduate of Acety. School*

(I) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency:

*Mrs. P. E. Lee
Same address as mine*

(J) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage.):

None

(K) Offices where assignment preferred: (Limited to three.)

*Chicago
Miami
Grand Rapids*

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Lee 28

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VOCATION RECORD

DATE April 11, 1945.

NAME Lee, Robert E. TITLE OF POSITION SPECIAL AGENT
 Last First Middle
 (Use legal signature and PRINT) PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT SOG

EDUCATION:
 College or University De Paul University ENTERED ON DUTY 1/10/38
 Month Day Year

Location Chicago, Illinois Degrees -- Major -- Minor --
 City State

Federal -- Year -- CPA --
 BARS: State -- Year -- State -- Year --

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

PROFICIENCY

Spanish

Language

Read: Excellent -- Good -- Fair --
 Speak (Converse): Excellent -- Good -- Fair --
 Understand: Excellent -- Good -- Fair X
 Translate: X Without dictionary -- With --

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue -- Academic X Years Studied X SIS --

Foreign Travel -- Countries -- Length -- Dates --

Irish

Language

Read: Excellent -- Good -- Fair --
 Speak (Converse): Excellent -- Good -- Fair --
 Understand: Excellent -- Good -- Fair --
 Translate: Without dictionary -- With --

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue X Academic -- Years Studied -- SIS --

Foreign Travel -- Countries -- Length -- Dates --

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency --

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

PROFICIENCY RECORDED

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Cost AccountingAccountantExcellent27 yearsAuditing - Hotel SpecialistSystems - Procedures, et cetera.Training and instruction in all phasesof hotel accounting work

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VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
<u>Auditor</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	

ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

<u>American Federation of Government Emp.</u>	<u>Washington,</u>	<u>D. C.</u>
	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>DATES (No. of months, etc)</u>

MILITARY TRAINING: List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

DATES

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_____ Asiatic School	_____ Locks
_____ European School	_____ Chamfering
_____ SIS School	_____ Secret Inks
_____ Police Liaison School	_____ Sound
_____ Police Instructor's School	_____ Microphotography
_____ Major Case School	_____ Tamper Proofing
_____ Chief Clerk's School	_____ Mouflage
_____ Firearms Expert School	_____ Typewriting Alignment
_____ Field Supervisor's School	_____ Supervisor's School
_____ Communism	_____ ASAC School
_____ General Investigative	_____ SAC School
_____ Security	_____ Inspector's School
_____ Selective Service	

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? _____

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT? Yes LOCATION DESIRED Europe

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:
 - a. Communications or Radio Engineering _____
 - b. Electrical Engineering _____
 - c. College Physics _____
 - d. Vocational or other Radio School _____
2. Practical Experience in Radio:
 - a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician _____
 - b. Amateur Radio _____ Licenses Held _____
 - c. Commercial Radio Operator _____
 - d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician _____

e. Experimenter or other _____

f. International Morse Code: - Transmit _____ W.P.M. - Receive _____ W.P.M.

g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices _____

TYPING ABILITY 30 Words per Minute SHORTHAND ABILITY _____ Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

ROBERT E. LEE





Lee, Robert E.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D.C.

Chicago Illinois

August 31, 1937

Sir:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent.....☐
Special Agent (Accountant).....☒
Stenographer.....☐
Typist.....☐
Messenger.....☐
(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) Lee Robert Emmet
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 659 Wrightwood Ave. Chicago Illinois

3. Mail and telegraphic address Same

4. Date of birth 3-31-12 Weight 170 Height 3'10" Color White

5. Place of birth Chicago Illinois

6. (a) Father's name Lee Patrick (b) Father's birthplace Ireland

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Ryan (b) Mother's birthplace Ireland

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here?

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
(Specify)

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed

13. Number of children, if any

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? Yes

To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? None

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16. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM-	TO-	COURSES FURNISHED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	St. Vincents Chicago Ill.	1919	1927	Graduate
(b) High school equivalent	De Paul Academy Chicago	1927	1931	Commerce Graduate
(c) College or technical	De Paul U Chicago	1931	1934	Commerce-3yrs No Degree
(d) Miscellaneous	YMCA Specialized Courses Dramatics, Law, Accty. Income Tax And Related Subjects	1936		

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Knights of Columbus

18. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described) Yes

19. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days of illness and nature of ailments):

Minor Colds Nothing Serious

20. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
A.E. Brown Druggist 1100 Fullerton Ave. Chicago	Part Time Clerk While Attending School	1931	1934	700.00 ✓
Congress Hotel Chicago Ill	Room Clerk Cashier	1932	1934	
	Nite Auditor Liquor Controller Food Controller	1931	1934	1350.00 ✓
Great Northern Hotel	Asst. Auditor	1934	1935	1350.00 ✓
Roosevelt Hotel St. Louis	Mo. Auditor	1935	1936	2500.00 ✓
American Bond & Mtg. Co. Bondholders Protective Comm. Continental Management Corp.	Auditing Real Estate Auditing	1936	1937	1980.00 ✓
105 S. La Salle St. Chgo. Ill. Lawrence, Nichols & Co.	Incumbent			1980.00 ✓

21. Have you ever been arrested? No.

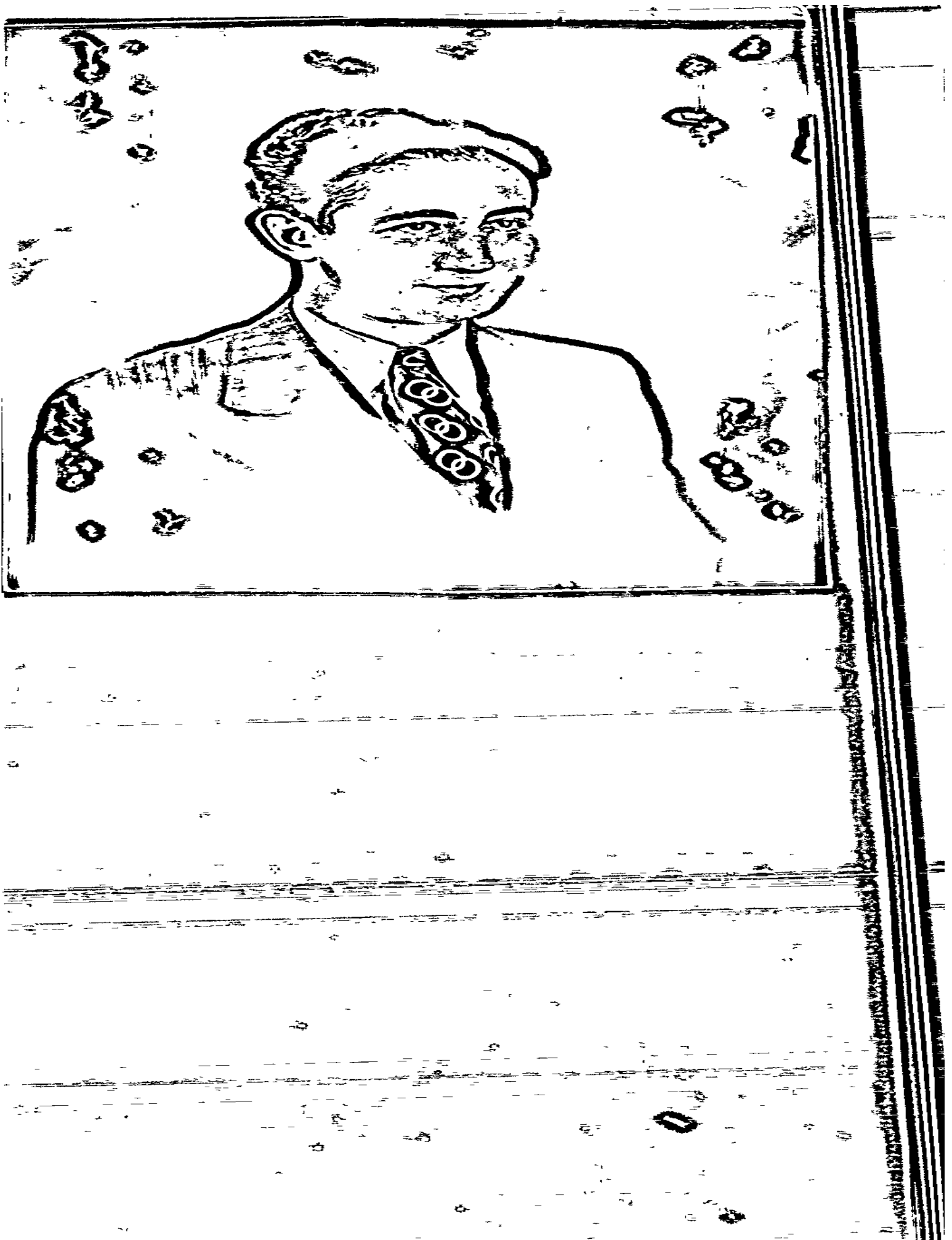
Specify:

22. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No.

Specify:

23. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1. James Fitzgerald ✓	2329 Osgood St. Chgo.	12	Water Department City of Chicago
2. Dr. F.X. O'Malley ✓	1100 Webster Ave. Chgo.	10	Same
3. George Davidson ✓	2325 Seminary Ave. Chgo.	8	Same
4. Rev. James Thompson ✓	C.M. 1010 Webster Ave. Horwath & Horwath	5	Same
5. G. O. Podd ✓	Strauss Bldg. Chgo.	7	Same



Robert C. Lee

24. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

None

25. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? 2400.00

26. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? 14 Days

27. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

28. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes

29. Attach unmounted face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.

(Photograph)

Respectfully,

Robert E. Lee
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 18th day of September, 1937, at city (or town) of Chicago, Illinois, county of Cook, and State (or Territory or District) of Illinois

Albert M. Rumbach
(Signature of officer)

Notary Public
(Official title)

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

June 18, 1946

By Messenger

Honorable Clarence Cannon
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

With reference to our conversation, I am very pleased indeed to assign Inspector Robert E. Lee of this Bureau to work with the House Appropriations Committee in replacement of Mr. Robert Laughlin.

Mr. Lee, who has been functioning in the capacity of Chief Clerk of the FBI, is 34 years of age, married and has three children. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois and graduated from the accounting school of De Paul University in that city. Prior to coming with the FBI he had rather extensive experience in auditing and cost accounting in the hotel industry. He entered on duty as a Special Agent with the FBI in January 1938, and after serving in Richmond, Newark and Chicago was assigned at the Seat of Government in February 1941. In April 1944 he assumed the capacity of Chief Clerk.

Mr. Lee has had an excellent record with the FBI and I am sure you will find him fully capable of assuming the duties previously carried on by Mr. Laughlin.

With expressions of my highest esteem and kind regards,

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1946, based on performance during period from April 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946

Robert E. Lee CAF-13, \$6860
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

FBI, Administrative Division, Seat of Government
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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| <p>..... (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
..... (2) Mechanical skill.
✓..... (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
✓..... (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
..... (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
✓..... (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
✓..... (7) Accuracy of operations.
..... (8) Accuracy of final results.
..... (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
..... (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
✓..... (11) Industry.
..... (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
✓..... (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? (Yes or no))
..... (14) Ability to organize his work.
..... (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
✓..... (16) Cooperativeness.
..... (17) Initiative.
..... (18) Resourcefulness.
✓..... (19) Dependability.
..... (20) Physical fitness for the work.</p> | <p>..... (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
..... (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
..... (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
..... (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
..... (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
..... (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
..... (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
..... (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
..... (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
..... (30) Ability to make decisions.
..... (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.</p> |
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- STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED
- (A) Capability of additional responsibility
..... (B)
..... (C)

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Excellent	Rating official <u>EXCELLENT</u> Reviewed by <u>RECORDED</u> official
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.....	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.....	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.....	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by [Signature] Assistant Director March 31, 1946
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____ (Signature of reviewing official) _____ (Title) _____ (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ (Date) Report to employee _____ (Adjective rating)

ROBERT E. LEE
Chief Clerk
Annual Efficiency Rating

Mr. Lee entered on duty with the Bureau as a Special Agent on January 10, 1938, and has been assigned to the Chief Clerk's Office since July 16, 1944.

Mr. Lee has continued as Chief Clerk of the Bureau and Number One Man in the Administrative Division during the past year. He is thoroughly familiar with all procedures of the Administrative Division; he is qualified to assist in inspections; he has made numerous appearances before police schools throughout the country. Through his studies he was responsible for the installation of the IBM system which has materially reduced man hours of work in preparing payrolls. He is thoroughly familiar with all of our budget procedures and can be depended upon at all times to handle complex budget problems. I have no hesitancy in stating that he is entirely capable of handling the Administrative Division. He is well liked by the employees, has native ability and intelligence to get along with outsiders and other Government agencies. He is qualified to be considered as Special Agent in Charge in practically any office in the country with the exception of the New York Office at this time.

Lee is well qualified in the use of Bureau firearms. He has a good knowledge of Bureau procedure and could handle any type of investigation. He is especially valuable in connection with any complicated or involved accounting cases. He could be used on any dangerous assignment and is entirely loyal to the Director and the Bureau. I would rate him as an EXCELLENT Special Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. 8-1773

Mr. Robert E. Lee

Date June 27, 1946

Title Special Agent

Grade and Salary CAF 13, \$7220.46 per annum

Division or Bureau Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department ☒

Appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, FBI"

Field ☐

Beginning 9:00 A. M. July 1, 1946

Terminating C. O. B.

Indefinite ☒

Remarks It is desired that Mr. Lee be placed on leave without pay beginning 9:00 A. M. July 1, 1946 for an indefinite period.

***IMPORTANT:**

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

June 27, 1946

LETTER/NOTE FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw SA HENRY D. LEE of the Administrative Division who has been designated to take the place of former SA J. Smith with the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. I outlined to Mr. Lee generally the duties which I understood he will be called upon to perform and emphasized to him by desire that he vigorously carry out any investigations assigned to him by the Appropriations Committee without regard to politics or any other influence.

I believe that Mr. Lee will carry on in a satisfactory manner.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Mr. Gurnea
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Mr. Hendon
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. R. GLAVIN

FROM : R. E. LEE

SUBJECT: R. E. LEE, Chief Clerk

DATE: July 24, 1946

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

In view of my assignment to the House Appropriations Committee, I am making arrangements to be placed on their payroll as of July 1, 1946 and it is suggested that I be placed on leave without pay from the Bureau as of that same date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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January 16, 1947

Miss R. L. Drye
United States Fidelity and
Guaranty Company
1616 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Drye:

Reference is made to your
communication of December 27, 1946,
requesting information concerning the
\$10,000 bond of Special Agent Robert
E. Lee, #1011-05-572-44.

This is to advise that this
Bureau desires that the bond executed
for Mr. Lee remain in full force and
effect until further notice.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY
WASHINGTON OFFICE

1616 EYE STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

CHRIS A. EBELING, JR.
MANAGER

TELEPHONE
NATIONAL 0913

December 27, 1946.

Chief Clerk, FBI
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: 1011-05-572-44, Robert E. Lee, Special
Agent, 3-14-44. \$10,000.

Gentlemen:

(1) We have been unable to locate our above principal in connection with the premium due on his bond and in this connection we would appreciate your advice as to his present whereabouts or if the bond is no longer required, your advice as to the date our liability terminated.

(2) We have been advised by the above principal that his bond is no longer necessary. We would appreciate your confirmation in this connection and the date our liability terminated.

(3) We have been advised by the above that a new bond is necessary in the amount of \$, covering his position as

Your advice as to the paragraph checked will be very much appreciated.

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Yours very truly,
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. F. & G.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SEVENTY-NINTH CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE, 26, 1946

Dear Mr. Hoover

I appreciate very much your letter of June 18, 1946 advising of your assignment of Inspector Robert E. Lee to work with the Committee in replacement of Mr Robert H. Laughlin.

Mr. Lee's qualifications, as stated in your letter are highly satisfactory, and I am sure he will render a good account of himself.

The Committee regrets to lose the services of Mr. Laughlin, who has performed most creditably and has generally impressed our Members with the excellent type and caliber of men you have in your organization.

You will be interested in knowing that at a meeting of the full Committee this morning the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Mr. Robert H. Laughlin, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has served as Chief Investigator for the Committee on Appropriations since March 8, 1943, has signified his intention to resign from the Government services to enter private employment: and

Whereas, the services of Mr. Laughlin to the Committee on Appropriations have been of the highest order and have been characterized by integrity, fidelity and capacity: be it

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Appropriations extend to Mr. Laughlin expressions of appreciation of his able assistance, and good wishes for his success in such field as he may engage.

Sincerely yours

Clarence Cannon.

Chairman

HON. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

4-608291006

February 5, 1947

Local Board Number 147
Selective Service System
3319 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Robert Ernest Lee, who is registered at your Board as Order Number 1721. You will recall that deferment has been requested by me for this registrant and as a result thereof, he has been continued in a deferred status.

For your information, Mr. Lee has submitted his resignation as an employee in this service. This information is being furnished to you in order that your records will be complete with regard to this case.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: Review Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. 0-5702M.P. Robert E. LeeDate February 6, 1967Title Special Agent (Chief Clerk)Grade and Salary GSF 13, \$1000.00 per annum

Division or Bureau Division 3, Chief Clerk's Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Appropriation Salaries and Expenses, FBI

Department ☒Field ☐

Beginning

Terminating C. O. B.

Indefinite []*

Remarks

Cancel indefinite leave without pay beginning 9:00 A. M.
July 1, 1963 as shown on FD 0-1073

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
 IMPORTANT:

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

6 FEB 13 1967
 [Handwritten signature]



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Prepared by: *el*
Date: *1-1-46*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. Robert E. Lee
NATURE OF ACTION: *ADDED POSITION*

Date	<i>1-1-46</i>
Personnel Action Number	<i>F.B.I. 20462</i>
Legal Authority	

Effective: *on Jan 27, 1946*

	FROM	TO
Position	<i>Special Agent (Chief Clerk)</i>	
Grade	<i>GS-13</i>	<i>GS-15</i>
Salary	<i>\$4650</i>	
Division and Section	<i>Division Three</i>	
Headquarters	<i>Chief Clerk's Office</i>	
Appropriations	<i>S & E, F.B.I.</i>	<i>S & E, F.B.I.</i>
Departmental or Field	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/> Field

NATURE OF POSITION		
a. VICE	b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL	c. NEW
P. C. NO.	P. C. NO.	P. C. NO.
Date of Birth		Date of Oath

REMARKS: *Added to indicate salary as above increase of \$720.40; also cancel NSX to \$7000.40 off 7-1-46. Refer to Serial 20200.*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Mr. Robert E. Lee

Nature
of Action

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Date	June 24, 1946
Personnel Action Number	F.B.I.-20100 20100
Legal Authority	

Effective

20 June 23, 1946

Position

FROM	TO
Special Agent (in Chief's Office)	

Grade

GS-15 GS-16

Salary

\$7220.40

Division

Division Three

and

Section

Chief Clerk's Office

Headquarters

D. C.

Appropriations

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Departmental
or Field

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February 6, 1947

Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Festover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 31, 1947, submitting your resignation as a Special Agent (Chief Clerk) in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and you are advised that same is being accepted effective at the close of business June 28, 1947, active duty having ceased at the same time.

Payment will be made to you for ninety-eight days of annual leave to your credit which expired at the close of business November 10, 1946.

In the event you desire to be reimbursed for the deductions which were made from your salary for retirement purposes, prior to January 24, 1947, it is requested that you execute and return to the Chief Clerk's Office the enclosed Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions. However, it will be noted from United States Civil Service Commission Form #3910 which is also enclosed that it is to the advantage of an employee who has been in the Government service for a period of five years or longer to allow contributions to remain in the retirement fund.

For your information, deductions will not be taken from your salary for retirement purposes subsequent to the effective date of your resignation.

It is requested that you keep this Bureau promptly advised of your forwarding address and any changes therein until such time as all salary matters have been settled. This will eliminate considerable delay in transmitting checks to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Glavin

February 6, 1947

Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Westover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lee:

I have just read your letter of January 31, 1947, submitting your resignation and I am writing to express to you my personal thanks for the loyal and efficient services rendered by you as a Special Agent of the Bureau.

I sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation manifested by you in connection with all assignments and I want you to know you have my best wishes for continued success.

In the event you desire to apply for reinstatement at some future time you may be sure your application will receive every consideration.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Mr. Glavin

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January 31, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Pursuant to my conversation this morning, I wish to submit my resignation effective as of the close of business January 31, 1947. My forwarding address is 3147 Westover Drive, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Needless to say, I do this reluctantly as explained to you verbally and I am deeply appreciative of your offer to consider me favorably in the event of an application for reinstatement.

The opportunity afforded me on Capitol Hill is possible only through your good graces and any success that I may achieve in that important responsibility I feel that I owe in large measure to the example and training that I received under your direction.

Regretfully submitted,

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Budget-Trimmers Call in Experts

By NED BROOKS
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

Congress' budget-cutters are recruiting some of the country's most skilled experts in business administration to show them where taxpayers' dollars can be saved.

The House Appropriations Committee has completed organization of its staff—12 auditors, accountants, bank investigators and others borrowed from private business.

WORK IN TEAMS

A similar staff is being set up by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The two groups together represent the economy-minded legislators' answer to the complaints of businessmen about the high cost of Government.

Chairman John Taber (R., N. Y.) of the House committee said members of the special staff would remain anonymous. The group is being directed by Robert Lee, former FBI agent.

The committee's plan is to have the experts work in teams of two or three, analyzing the budgets of one large agency after another to discover where savings can be made.

The recruiting has been under way for two months. Business firms were told that if they wanted economy they should help provide the brains. All of the staff members are on leaves from their companies and are receiving expense allowances rather than straight salaries.

The Senate committee staff is being organized by Leslie M. Gravlin, municipal government expert of Hartford, Conn. One of its first assignments will be to investigate complaints that some Government agencies are squandering their current funds and discharging usable equipment to avoid returning a surplus to the Treasury. Chairman Styles Bridges (R., N. H.) said the committee had been told that some branches were building up large inventories of supplies.

HUNT OUT 'SOFT SPOTS'

To avoid duplication of effort, Chairman Bridges and Taber have directed their staff chiefs to divide the examinations of individual agencies. It is planned to have each team spend an average of a month to six weeks on an agency.

In general, the flying squads will be looking for "soft spots" in depart-

mental budgets. Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley (Ky.) said during debate on the legislative budget that the Budget Bureau would be of no aid in pointing out such weaknesses, since by so doing it would place itself in controversy with the President to whom it is responsible. One House staff team is at work on the budget of one agency which, a pre-

liminary analysis showed, had one-third of its employees receiving more than \$4000 a year.

The special House staff augments the regular, full-time staff of six lawyers and accountants.

Rep. Taber said the experts had entered into their duties "in the crusading spirit, because they are interested in good government."

- Mr. Tolson ☒
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒
- Mr. Clegg ☒
- Mr. Coffey ☒
- Mr. Glavin ☒
- Mr. Ladd ☒
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Mr. S. A. Andretta, Administrative
Assistant to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

February 24, 1947

ROBERT E. LEE
Former Special Agent

This is to advise that the duties of Mr.
Robert E. Lee as Authorized Certifying Officer
terminated as of December 31, 1946.

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

April 10 1947

Time 3:30 PM

Name Mr. Tracy

Reference: _____

Referred to _____

Details: Mr. Tracy asked that you be given the following message:

"While at the House of Representatives today I saw Robert E. Lee, who stated he was going to ask to see the Director as soon as possible and advise him concerning a conversation he had with a Customs man at the Treasury Department who maintains a 'secret file' on cooperation with the FBI. He will also want to advise the Director of a movement to transfer certain officials of the Customs, Treasury Department, to the Bureau."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744

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TO: ☒ Director
☐ Mr. Edward Tamm
☐ Mr. Clegg
☐ Mr. Glavin
☐ Mr. Ladd
☐ Mr. Nichols
☐ Mr. Rosen
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☐ Mr. Harbo
☐ Mr. Hendon
☐ Mr. Jones
☐ Mr. Nease
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Records Section
☐ Mrs. Skillman

☒ Mr. Tolson
☒ Mr. E. A. Tamm
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July 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: ROBERT E. LEE
 FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Mr. Lee advised me today that he had a conference with Mr. Taber in which he pointed out to Mr. Taber that there had been many trials and tribulations in connection with his assignment on the Hill, and Lee was referring particularly to some of the difficulties he has had with the clerk of the committee, George Harvey. Lee said he told Congressman Taber that if he did not feel he was satisfied with the way he was handling his assignments that he, Lee, would prefer to gracefully fade out of the picture and possibly secure something somewhere else. Lee said that Mr. Taber advised him that he was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which he was handling his job and most certainly wanted him to stay with him.

Lee stated that there was a considerable amount of political pressure on the Hill and political ramifications and cited as an instance the fact that Taber released publicity with respect to the proposed investigation of the Internal Revenue Bureau, wherein Taber indicated what the investigators were to find. Lee pointed out that such premature publicity very definitely was harmful and up to that moment he had no indication that any such conditions existed in the Internal Revenue Bureau. Lee stated that the only complaints that he had so far was the fact that the Internal Revenue Bureau might be discriminating in connection with the reduction in force necessitated by the appropriation committee cuts.

Lee stated that one of the biggest and most sustaining factors in connection with his position on the Hill is the splendid relationship which he has enjoyed from his association in the Bureau. He said the Director has been most cordial and helpful and that has given him the impetus to keep going when the going has been tough. He said that if it became necessary, desirable to sever his relationships on the Hill that he most certainly would want to return to the Bureau.

It should be noted that Mr. Lee furnished the foregoing information in the strictest of confidence.

JPM:DSS

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: The Director

DATE: June 10, 1947

FROM: L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MORRIS HANSTON

RE: R. E. LEE

There is attached the permanent brief of this former agent, who started on duty on January 21, 1941, and resigned on February 10, 1947, to take a job with the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Glavin tells me that R. E. Lee asked for Morris Hanston specifically and the Bureau orally told Lee this would be satisfactory. His record indicates that he could very well be recommended to Hanston without any possible drawback.

LBN:blm

Director's notation: "OK." fl.

Attachment

17 JUN 1947

Faber's 'Mystery Men' Snoop for Loopholes In Truman's Budget

Their Names and Their Firms
Are Secret—They're Out to
Study Department Costs

From THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON—The best kept secret on Capitol Hill these days is the identity of 20-odd business experts hired by Rep. John Taber (R., N. Y.) to find loopholes in President Truman's \$37,500 million budget for the 1948 fiscal year.

Their names are secret. So are the firms that "lend" them to the House Appropriations Committee Mr. Taber heads. So are the missions Mr. Taber has assigned these private sleuths.

But considerable other information has leaked out. This much is known:

They come mainly from private research groups and accounting firms. Their calibre is indicated by the fact that some reportedly earn \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year in their regular jobs. They've agreed to work for Mr. Taber's committee as a public service.

They receive a daily stipend from the Federal Treasury, a "small" amount, Mr. Taber says; just about enough to pay expenses, other insiders add.

In all they've numbered 20 to 25, Mr. Taber once admitted. None remains for more than a short time to make special studies, directly on order from Chairman Taber.

As employees of the committee, they go into the various departments of government and ask searching questions: What supplies are on hand? How much money is left from old appropriations? How much is being spent monthly? Can contracts be placed at a rate that justifies all the agency seeks in new appropriations? A critical eye is cast on any recent increase in personnel.

Though technically on the committee's investigating staff, this inquiring crew has never been officially approved by the committee, some of its members insist.

Mr. Taber is keeping mum about his fact-finders. He won't reveal their names, he says, without their permission.

Secret Is Kept

Those who are in on his secret—and they're few indeed—are keeping it equally well. The ranking Democratic member, Rep. Cannon (Mo) answers all inquiries by saying it's up to Mr. Taber to do the talking. Top-ranking Republican committeemen simply say they know nothing about it.

The committee only has a small permanent staff. This group is headed by Robert E. Lee, former assistant to F.B.I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover. Two other former G-men, an ex-Treasury accountant, an expert taken from the Government accounting office, and an attorney make up the rest of this group.

This regular staff, though trained for snooping and wise to the ways of Government finance, is too small to analyze a \$37,500 million budget and ferret out the \$4,900 million economies still needed to complete a \$6 billion cut approved by the House earlier this year.

Borrowing experts from private enterprise is Mr. Taber's way of rounding out this staff when the committee's work load is at its peak—in the first half of the year when appropriation bills are being drawn. As the G.O.P.'s chief economizer, he's reluctant to spend the additional money that would be required to hire an adequate full-time staff, when the work can be done half the year by a smaller group.

Does Not Talk About Missions

Mr. Taber is reticent about the missions these investigators have been assigned. He says they've had nothing to do with the \$1,100 million economies made in the three appropriation bills approved by his committee thus far. These three included funds for the Treasury, Post Office, Interior, and Labor departments, the Federal Security Agency, National Labor Relations Board and a few other allied bureaus for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The first fruits of their efforts may be contained in the appropriation bill for the State Department, Commerce Department and Judiciary. The House Committee is scheduled to approve this bill today. Reportedly it would wipe out the cultural relations division of the State Department, stymie the Census Bureau's plans for a special census of manufactures, and halve President Truman's estimate for the Commerce Department.

Two of the special experts have been assigned to work on the War Department appropriation bill from which the Republican budgeteers hope to pare close to \$1 billion. The Navy, Agriculture Department, and Veterans Administration, the three biggest revenues-takers left, are bound to get a thorough combing, too.

Mr. Tolson.....
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A Case for Meat-Ax Economy

By PETER EDSON

Republican Party leaders are puzzled by the bad publicity they have received from their efforts to cut Government spending by the "meat-ax" method. They thought the country wanted economy. Yet when Master Meatcutter John W. Taber and his bully butcher boy chairmen of the House Appropriations sub-committees started trimming off the millions of fat hither and thither, everybody began to yell they couldn't do that.

Say what you like about this meat-ax technique of economizing, there is sound sense in doing business that way. Every department of the Federal Government ought to be made to prove the need for every cent of its appropriations. Best way to establish this necessity is to cut appropriations unmercifully or kill them altogether. Then see how the country gets along on a reduced economy. If trouble develops, it isn't too hard to restore a cut appropriation to what it was before.

THE HARD WAY

This makes for a lot of toil and strife and it is probably the hard way to get results. It causes all kinds of screaming and confusion in the agencies. It causes many employees to be laid off—which is no nice—and some projects to be closed down—which is tough and downright discouraging to the morale of administrators who work hard on them. But in this process it forces the heads of all Government departments to prove how essential they may be. That's what counts.

Part of the wrath which the Republicans have pulled down around their own ears in this business comes from the indiscriminate way in which the cuts were made. The rest of the grief comes from the fact that the agencies which got cut had the best press agents, who were experienced in dressing up the injuries to make them look serious. Then too, the Republicans bragged too much and too early about how much they were going to save.

It is now doubtful if the House will make good on its goal of cutting \$6,000,000 from the President's \$37,500,000,000 budget. The way the appropriation bills have been rolling out, total cuts will probably be closer to the \$4,500,000 Senate economy goal.

HIRED RESEARCHERS

Records of the work done in Appropriations committees seems to indicate both the House and the Senate may have tried to do an intelligent job of cutting with their eyes open and the blindfold removed, tho this is hard to believe. Under the Reorganization Act, the two appropriations committees were allowed to decide for themselves how big a staff they would need. In addition to the usual batch of clerks, each committee set up a research and investigating staff.

The House staff is headed by Robert E. Lee, former FBI investigating accountant. The Senate staff is headed by Leslie M. Gravlin, former Hartford, Conn., and St. Paul, Minn., municipal research man who also has worked with Gov. Stassen on Minnesota State government reorganization.

Gravlin has tried to build up a small, permanent research staff. It has nine men now. Each is assigned to study appropriations of a different department—war, Navy, Commerce, etc. Lee's regular staff for the House has been kept small, but under Chairman Taber's direc-

tion, a number of specialists have been recruited in a few days or a few weeks to specific jobs. Some are auditors, some engineers, some administrative experts.

The work of these specialists has not been publicized, but they seem to be the boys who have been doing the basic research job on which congressmen have based their decisions for economizing.

Tho the Democrats have tried to make a case that there was no room for economy below the President's budget estimates and have pooh-poohed Republican economy efforts so far, there is no question of the need for a lot of meat-ax wielding.

HAD TO BE DONE

In the depression Government spending contributed a great deal to the national economy and was allowed to grow too big. In the war which followed, every Government agency had all the money it could use. The way the millions were scattered around was nothing short of a national scandal.

Chopping a billion and a half off the War Department, cutting Labor Department by 43 per cent and Interior by 45, looping \$30,000,000 off Treasury when it has \$600,000,000 to collect from tax dodgers and killing the State Department's \$31,000,000 International Information program when Russia is spending 10 times that amount, on propaganda may all be crazy and suicidal. But the economizing job has to be done. Making these and all the other agencies come in and prove how necessary they are is good business.

Also, what the House does on these appropriation bills isn't the last word. The Senate has to review all these actions. Historically, the Senate has corrected many mistakes made by the House. This is legislating by trial and error, but it is the best system anyone has so far invented to see that the job gets done.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/9/47

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT:

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~~RECOMMENDED FORMER EMPLOYEES~~

Congressman Dirksen telephoned concerning the speech made at Western High School by a woman native of Russia, and much in praise of the Russian system. The Congressman stated that in their preliminary inquiries they had discovered much more than of ordinary interest in the matter. He has appointed a subcommittee of five members. Their meetings will be behind locked doors. "Joe O'Hara, who is a good lawyer, is chairman of the committee."

He would like to borrow a qualified investigator for two or three weeks if this is possible. I told him I would explore the situation to see what we might offer him instead of the loan of an investigator since we are short handed.

This matter was discussed at the Executives Conference with the following recommendations:

- OK. I. That a blind memorandum on the subject of this specific incident be prepared and directed personally to Congressman Dirksen with the understanding that its source would not be disclosed.
- II. That we suggest to him that he apply to the Appropriations Committee for the loan temporarily of Mr. Robert E. Lee or Mr. Harris Houston, former Agents of the Bureau for the investigative staff if he needs any.

Harris Houston would be well-qualified to handle this - he formerly was assigned to Wash. Field office.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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VERY URGENT

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OCTOBER 18, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, KANSAS CITY

ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER FORMER AGENT ROBERT E. LEE HAS MADE KNOWN
HIS PRESENCE TO YOU IN KANSAS CITY. IF SO AND YOU CAN REACH HIM, HAVE
HIM CALL ORESCAN, CHESTNUT NINE NAUGHT THREE FIVE, TONIGHT. ADVISE.

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ROBERT E. LEE, FORMER AGENT, REURTEL THIS DATE. LEE CHECKED OUT
MELBOURNE HOTEL, ST. LOUIS. TWELVE FORTY TWO P. M. , OCTOBER

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FBI KANSAS, CITY

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 9, 1948

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Bob Lee called and stated he would like to drop in to see you within the next few days at your convenience. He stated he has a couple of things on his mind, one of which is to inform you concerning someone who had been doing some sniping at the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ROBERT EDWARD LEE
SPECIAL AGENTPERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Refer to your letter dated 6/11/48 to the above Agent regarding his physical examination at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on 5/19/48. The above mentioned letter made reference to the blood pressure of Agent and requested that he consult his physician for another check up within six months and submit the results to the Bureau.

Agent Lee has furnished me a certificate which he received from his physician regarding his findings as to Agent's blood-pressure at this time. The certificate is attached hereto.

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Date: 1/24/49

To : MR. TOLSON

From : J. P. MOHR

Subject: E. E. HARGETT
O. H. BARTLETT
Special Agents on loan to
Investigating Staff,
Appropriations Committee

Robert E Lee

Congressman Cannon telephonically contacted Mr. Nichols on Friday, January 21, and stated he was desirous of having Messrs. Hargett and Bartlett report to the Appropriations Committee room at the Capitol at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 1949. After checking with you, Messrs. Hargett and Bartlett were instructed to report to Mr. Cannon as he had requested.

Mr. Hargett telephonically advised me on January 22, 1949 that he and Mr. Bartlett had a conference with Congressman Cannon and the Clerk of the Committee, George Harvey, and that Congressman Cannon was desirous of having the Investigating Staff open its office at the Capitol on Monday, January 24, 1949. Congressman Cannon informed Mr. Hargett that he wanted him to borrow a Stenographer from the Bureau to be placed on the Committee's payroll to be available to handle the work of the Investigating Staff. After discussing this matter with you, Mr. Glavin was advised of Congressman Cannon's request and informed that he should endeavor to locate a qualified Stenographer to loan to the Committee for the purpose indicated. Mr. Glavin said he would do so immediately.

Mr. Hargett reported that Congressman Cannon told him that he and Mr. Bartlett would have a completely free hand in making any investigations requested by the Appropriations Committee. Congressman Cannon pointed out that each request for investigation would be signed by himself, the Democratic Chairman of the Subcommittee, the Minority Republican leader of the Appropriations Committee as well as the Republican Chairman of the interested Subcommittee. In other words, each request for investigation would be signed by two Democrats and two Republicans. Congressman Cannon pointed out specifically and definitely that he did not want more than three copies of reports prepared for distribution and that the reports were to be submitted to him. He also advised that under no circumstances were the Agents to associate with individual members of the Committee and under no circumstances were they to report to individual members of the Committee on an oral or formal basis and that all contacts were to be made directly with him, Mr. Cannon.

Mr. Cannon stated that the Investigating Staff as previously constituted had operated very well and without any criticism being directed to it with the exception of the last two years when it was

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under the leadership of Mr. Robert E. Lee. He pointed out that Lee had played politics with the press during the past two years and had permitted himself to become biased and prejudiced in his activities. George Harvey during the discussion was particularly vehement with respect to Lee and indicated a personal dislike for him. Harvey pointed out that Lee had acted in a highhanded manner and had played politics in his handling of the press and endeavoring to get his name in the papers. Hargett stated that Harvey had made a particular point of the fact that Lee had purchased a mimeograph machine for \$60 or \$80 without first contacting Harvey for approval to make the purchase and after the machine had been obtained, Lee had submitted a voucher for Harvey to sign. Harvey made considerable to do over this apparently inconsequential item but indicated he resented the fact that Lee had made the purchase without coming to him first to obtain approval to make the purchase. Harvey also made mention of the fact that Lee used the mimeograph machine to grind out 50 or 60 copies of his reports which he distributed freely to all members on the Committee.

Congressman Cannon stated that the two Agents would receive the same salary while with the Committee, plus 10% additional since the members of the Investigating Staff would be working on Saturday and the 10% would represent compensation for this extra work. Space has been assigned to the Investigating Staff, which is the same office space formerly occupied by Mr. Lee and his staff. The Congressman did point out that it would be necessary because of the lack of space on the Hill to assign some members of the newspaper clipping service to this space along with the Investigating Staff.

Mr. Hargett related that Congressman Cannon apparently thinks a great deal of the Director and the Bureau and went on for about 10 minutes extolling the Director and the work of the Bureau. He informed Mr. Hargett that in the event it was necessary to secure assistance in connection with any investigation requested, that all such personnel should be borrowed from the Bureau and that no effort should be made to get such personnel from any other source, the Congressman indicating that he had the utmost respect for the reputation and ability of Bureau employees.

Mr. Hargett is up at the Hill today and will advise me as soon as he is picked up on the rolls of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Bartlett is at the Bureau today but plans on cleaning up his work and reporting to the Committee probably some time tomorrow.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Bureau make available immediately to Messrs. Hargett and Bartlett a qualified Stenographer to be placed on the rolls of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Glavin is already endeavoring to locate such an employee for this assignment.

Hoover's Notation "OK" H.

Tolson's Notation: "OK" T.

REG. NO. 2995

PHONES:

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RESIDENCE 192-W

SIDNEY A. COHN, M. D.

UNION SPRINGS, ALA.

OFFICE HOURS:

9 TO 12 A. M.

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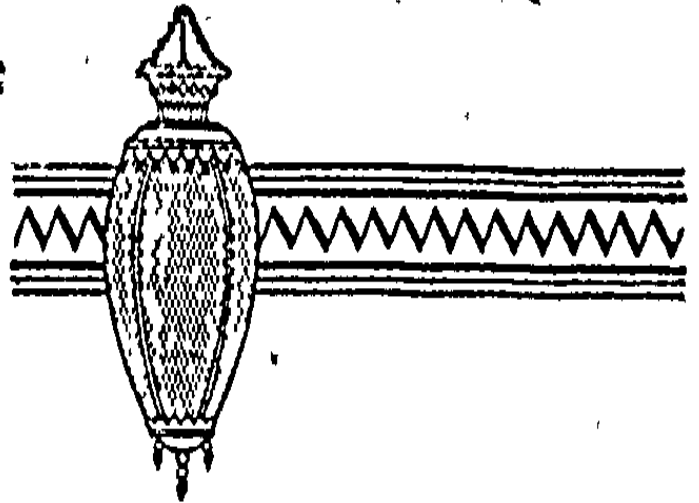
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Ed. Lee 11/7/48 and
found his Blood Pressure to
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Sidney A. Cohn

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This Prescription Will Be Accurately
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JORDAN DRUG CO.

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Director's Block

Checked out to: Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 22, 1948

ROBERT E. LEE

Concerning the attached in the event Nat Pieper is not interested, Bob Lee is no doubt fully qualified to do a good job in this regard.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CONVENT
4701 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

ROBERT E. LEE

March 7, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I'm writing this brief note to a very busy man, I know; yet it is but an expression of sincere appreciation for your kindness and thoughtfulness at a time when sympathy of friends means much! I'm referring to a beautiful letter written on the occasion of the death of Mr. Patrick Lee, father of Bob Lee. Thank you, Mr. Hoover, and may God continue to bless you and your work.

Very sincerely yours,

Sister Mary St. Cecilia, B.V.M.
(Bob Lee's sister)

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Sister Mary St. Cecilia, O.S.M.
(Bob Lee's sister)

February 12, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On February 19th Robert Lee, formerly with the Bureau and now assigned to the Appropriations Committee to the House of Representatives, called to see me and during the course of the conversation he stated that there was employed by the Committee and assigned to his office a man by the name of Harry Barger, formerly an attorney in the Department of Justice and a very close friend of Congressman Wigglesworth. He stated that Barger was very much of a griper and from time to time he has made comments and criticisms of the Bureau, and practically everything else. He stated that recently Barger was criticizing the Bureau for its radio program and the fact that Government funds were being utilized in the presentation of this. I told Mr. Lee that of course this was not true; that the program was sponsored and paid for by the Equitable Life Assurance Company and that all the Bureau did was supply the script writers, hired by the Equitable Life Assurance Company, with memoranda on closed cases of the Bureau, which memoranda were available to any writer or person interested in such matters, and that after the script was written it was then sent to the Bureau and reviewed, which review took only a very short period of time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 26, 1948

Mr. Robert E. Lee
Chief, Investigative Staff
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Your letter dated January 19, 1948,
has been received, and it was indeed kind of
you to write me as you did. I was pleased to
receive your observations concerning Mr.
Gresham and I am glad to know that his services
have been of value. If I can be of any further
assistance, please communicate with me.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Robert E. Lee is a former chief clerk who resigned from
from the Bureau on 6-28-46, and is presently employed on the
Hill. He is well-known to the Director. There has been much
cordial correspondence with Lee and he is well-known to all
Bureau executives. SA Robert Gresham is presently on loan the
Hill. Gresham's EGD as an Agent is 8-17-42, and his last
efficiency rating 1-13-47, was "Excellent"

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Eighth Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 19, 1948

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Through your good offices last July you made available to this Staff Mr. Robert Gresham to assist in making a survey of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the Appropriations Committee.

I thought you might be interested in my observations on the ability of Mr. Gresham as he certainly has demonstrated a high degree of integrity in handling a very involved problem.

The report as submitted on the Bureau of Internal Revenue has received consistent commendation and I feel that Mr. Gresham was the major contributor to the finished product.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ robert e. lee

ROBERT E. LEE

Chief, Investigative Staff.

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February 17, 1948

Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Webster Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear ^{B. L.} Mr. Lee:

I have just received word concerning the passing of your Father, and I want to extend my most heartfelt sympathy to you in the great loss you have sustained.

I know that words cannot soften your sorrow, but I do want you to know that my thoughts are with you in your bereavement.

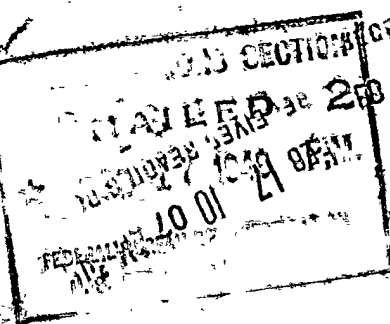
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Callahan advised the Leave Service of the death of Mr. Lee's father.

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memorandum appears in the files. A detailed and exhaustive search revealed no copy appearing in the investigative files of the Staff. Harvey said that it was Mr. Cannon's opinion that Lee had only recently prepared this memorandum, that it had not been prepared in December, and that it misquoted both Harvey and Cannon. Harvey said that Mr. Cannon felt that this memorandum was written in bad faith and that neither Lee nor Mr. Jensen had any right to a copy of same because, if it were prepared in December, or whenever it was prepared, it was part of the investigative files and could only be released by approval of the full Committee on Appropriations.

Harvey also advised that Mr. Cannon was extremely disturbed and in great anger over the publication of this memorandum, particularly that part of it which indicates that the Departments have tried to buy off investigators. Harvey said that Mr. Cannon was going to do everything in his power to have Mr. Lee removed from the rolls of the House Appropriations Committee staff. (Bob Lee is now minority clerk at a salary of \$10,000 a year). I asked Harvey if he and Mr. Cannon were satisfied with the work presently being conducted by the Investigative Staff and Mr. Harvey said that neither he nor Mr. Cannon had any suggestions and that they were convinced the Staff was being handled and run in a manner which Mr. Cannon desired.

The debate and memorandum which is referred to herein is set forth on pages 12082 through 12085 in the Congressional Record of Friday, August 19, 1949, Vol. 95, No. 152.

Edward E. Hargrett
Edward E. Hargrett

Jim

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: PHILIP MULLENBACH
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

DATE: June 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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KENNETH A. CLOW

You will recall that as reflected in a memorandum of Mr. Ladd to the Director dated June 12, 1949, MULLENBACH is the "case A" referred to in the current hearings before the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. In connection with the question of whether the Bureau reports reflecting investigation of MULLENBACH for the Atomic Energy Commission should be produced at the hearing it appears that following the initial request of the Atomic Energy Commission for an investigation of MULLENBACH on 8/1/47, an investigation was made and the results forwarded to the Commission on 9/10/47. A preponderance of the investigation was conducted by the Washington Field Office and developed no derogatory information.

On 9/2/47 former Special Agent Robert E. Lee advised the Bureau that while MULLENBACH was in charge of the Economics and Market Research Division of the War Assets Administration that unit was strongly infested with CIO members. An anonymous communication of 11/5/47 alleged that MULLENBACH possessed Communist sympathies and on 12/2/47 the Director of the Compliance and Enforcement Division of the War Assets Administration advised the Bureau that MULLENBACH had informed him that he, MULLENBACH, hoped to employ Sam S. Kaufman and Joseph M. Gillman former War Assets Administration employees at the Atomic Energy Commission. At that time Kaufman and Gillman together with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster had been dropped from the War Assets Administration as a result of information indicating their questionable loyalty.

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When the above information was furnished by the Bureau to the Atomic Energy Commission Security Officer, he requested on 1/20/48, a supplemental investigation of MULLENBACH. This investigation, the results of which were furnished the Atomic Energy Commission on 3/12/48 disclosed that MULLENBACH had worked closely with Silvermaster in the Economic and Market Research Division of the War Assets Administration and had succeeded Silvermaster as head of that division when the latter was forced out. MULLENBACH had maintained the same staff and policies established by Silvermaster. Other information was developed from employees of the War Assets Administration indicating that MULLENBACH knowingly allowed Communist-tinged union activities in his division and promoted and gave preference in efficiency ratings to employees of a clique that was vocal in support of the Communist Party line. A reliable confidential source advised that MULLENBACH had been friendly with Silvermaster since the latter was discharged from the War Assets Administration.

Robert E. Lee

PHILIP MULLENBACH
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

DEFECT IN INVESTIGATION

The information regarding MULLENBACH's association with Silvermaster and his questionable activities as head of the Economic and Market Research Division of the War Assets Administration was developed through the interview of fellow employees of MULLENBACH at the War Assets Administration. In the original Washington Field Office investigation conducted by Special Agent Kenneth A. Clow as reflected in his report dated 8/27/47, MULLENBACH's superiors and fellow employees at War Assets Administration were not contacted. At that time there was no information in Bureau files connecting MULLENBACH with Silvermaster and the failure to develop this association appears to rest upon the omission in the original investigation of any investigation at the War Assets Administration where MULLENBACH was then still employed, beyond a review of MULLENBACH's personnel file.

In this connection it is noted that at that time there was nothing to throw suspicion upon MULLENBACH and an apparently thorough interview of 9 neighbors and a check of the records of MULLENBACH's present and former places of employment developed only information indicating his loyalty. The first information received at the Bureau throwing any doubt on MULLENBACH'S loyalty was the letter of former Agent Lee. This was followed by the anonymous communication and additional information supplied by the Director of the Compliance and Enforcement Division of War Assets Administration.

CONCLUSIONS

It appears that the failure to develop the complete picture regarding MULLENBACH's loyalty and the information about his association with Silvermaster rests on the failure of Agent Clow to interview MULLENBACH's superiors and fellow employees at the War Assets Administration. At that time Bureau instructions for the handling of Atomic Energy investigations required that all prior employees be contacted but did not include current employment. However, there were set out in Bureau Bulletin #43, dated 8/1/47, general instructions that great care should be exercised to make thorough investigations with respect to the character, loyalty and associations of subjects of Atomic Energy investigations and, as indicated by the Director, it should not be necessary to spell out each and every step to be taken by trained investigators. Had Agent Clow made suitable inquiry of MULLENBACH's superiors and fellow employees at the War Assets Administration, most of the derogatory information undoubtedly would have been developed there, and the Bureau would have been saved the possible embarrassment it now faces.

Present instructions contained in Section 19-F of the Manual of Instructions state that "Superiors and fellow employees should be contacted where possible", and would prevent an omission such as that which occurred in the MULLENBACH original investigation.

With respect to the Washington Field Office supervisors as well as Bureau supervisors and officials there appears to be no culpability since Bureau files at the time of Agent Clow's report were entirely negative with respect to MULLENBACH and nothing appeared in the investigative report submitted by the Agent which could have raised any question in the minds of reviewing officials.

I don't agree with this. The failure to interview the subject's superiors & fellow employees was a glaring omission which should have been brought

not mentioned in original report

PHILIP MULLENBACH
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

PERSONNEL DATA

Agent Glow who is still assigned to the Washington Field Office entered on duty in the Bureau as a messenger on 1-29-32. He was appointed an Agent on 5-15-39 and has been assigned to the Washington Field Office since 11-29-41. He has been in Grade GS-12 since 4-1-42 and his present salary is \$7192.30 per annum. Agent Glow is married and has 2 children of grammar school age. He owns his home in the vicinity of the District of Columbia.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Agent Glow be severely censured by letter and placed on probation for a period of 90 days for his failure to conduct a complete and thorough investigation in this instance.

A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR AGENT GLOW'S PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED

Attachment

WFO/WR

cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Glavin

WFO Personnel File

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*Agree & also letters
should go to Wash Field
& lead off for Supervisory
staff re failure & properly
supervise this case in
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 8/31/49

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
Former Special Agent

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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the memorandum submitted to me by Mr. Hargett, who is presently in charge of the Investigating Staff of the Committee on Appropriations on August 22, 1949. Mr. Hargett in his memorandum pointed to a speech which Congressman Cannon made on the floor of the House on Friday, August 19, 1949 concerning the manner in which the Appropriations Committee Investigating Staff functions at the present time. Congressman Ben Jensen as you will recall took issue with Congressman Cannon and in the Congressional Record Congressman Jensen included a memorandum prepared by Mr. Lee dated December 29, 1948. In Lee's memorandum he explained the disadvantages of the Investigating Staff presently employed by Congressman Cannon. Eight disadvantages were listed and it was not specifically stated to whom these disadvantages referred. Any ordinary person reading the memorandum would think that they referred to the FBI and its personnel who were loaned to the Appropriations Committee as well as the members of other Governmental agencies utilized by the Committee. The memorandum is a scorching denunciation of the manner in which Congressman Cannon operates the Investigating Staff.

The Director has stated that Lee in his memorandum took some vicious digs at the FBI which were entirely untrue and unwarranted and that his memorandum was as vilifying as any statement ever made against the Bureau.

I talked to Mr. Lee on August 29, 1949 in my office and I told him about the Bureau's feeling with respect to the memorandum which he had prepared and how any reasonable person would construe it as a severe attack and criticism of the FBI and its personnel. Frankly, Mr. Lee was stunned when I told him of this and stated that he under no circumstances would ever say or write anything which he knowingly believed to be critical of the Director, the Bureau or any of its personnel. He stated the entire matter was a terrific mistake and that he would be willing to do anything in the world to endeavor to correct it. He stated he would get Congressman Jensen or Congressman Taber to make a speech on the floor to correct any impression which might be gained from his memorandum of December 29, 1948. I told Mr. Lee that I thought it would be unwise to take any such action and the less done about it now the better it would be for all.

Mr. Lee prepared a memorandum for the Director, which is attached, in which he explains how the memorandum happened to be incorporated in the Congressional Record. He states in his memorandum that on Friday, August 19, he was on the floor of the House with Congressman Taber at which time a debate was being held concerning the

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first supplemental appropriation for 1950. He said no one had any warning that Congressman Cannon was going to make the speech in question and when Cannon made the speech about his Investigating Staff, Congressman Jensen took the floor and took issue with Congressman Cannon. Lee said he heard the whole speech and it was very obvious that Congressman Cannon had gotten Congressman Jensen out on a limb and told him to name one individual on the Investigating Staff whom Congressman Cannon had fired. The only name Congressman Jensen could think of was Lee's name and Congressman Cannon pointed out that Lee was not fired and that Lee was asked to stay with the Committee for an additional year, which is true. After the debate, Congressman Jensen came up to Lee on the floor of the House and asked him for the facts and any data that Lee had that would assist Jensen in answering Cannon. Lee then recalled to Congressman Jensen's attention the memorandum of December 29, 1948 which had been prepared at the request of the leading members of the minority staff of the Appropriations Committee and which Congressman Jensen specifically had read and corrected at the time it was prepared. Lee said he then ran over to his office, got the memorandum and without reading it handed it to Congressman Jensen thinking he would use it merely to refresh his recollection. Lee said the next thing he knew Congressman Jensen had inserted it in the Record.

Mr. Lee said that everyone who had any knowledge of the memorandum knew that the eight disadvantages listed referred to personnel obtained from Governmental agencies other than the FBI and that has always been the principal criticism of the manner in which Congressman Cannon runs the Investigating Staff. Lee called attention to the fact that Bob Laughlin at the time he resigned from the Investigating Staff had written a memorandum pointing out the objectionable features of borrowing personnel from the various Governmental agencies since they could not be depended upon to do their work properly and the only employees who could be depended upon to handle the work of the staff were those obtained from the FBI. Lee stated that Bob Laughlin, as well as himself, were convinced that the Investigating Staff as it is now functioning would only be adequate if it could be handled with all of the investigating staff being secured from the FBI. Lee states the so-called experts borrowed from other agencies apparently do very well in their field in making investigations but they lack the ability of recognizing pertinent information and properly recording it in a written report for the Committee, with the result that the FBI employees assigned to the staff have to virtually do all of the report writing.

I wish to point out that Mr. Hargett has made the same observations to me concerning the personnel that have been assigned to him from other Governmental agencies, namely they are experts in their field but they simply lack the ability to prepare proper reports and recognize pertinent information when they see it.

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Lee in his memorandum concludes that he is extremely distressed that this matter has been misunderstood since he has always and will continue to keep in mind the best interests of the FBI.

I do know that Lee was keenly disappointed when Congressman Cannon disbanded the Investigating Staff set up by the 80th Congress under the Reorganization Act. I do not think that Lee would ever write anything or say anything knowingly that was critical of the Director or the FBI. I think that Lee's memorandum is unfortunate and that it is a case of a friend of the Bureau unwittingly doing something that has caused criticism of the Bureau. Lee now recognizes that his memorandum was faulty and should have specifically stated that the disadvantages listed were not intended or meant to include personnel of the FBI assigned to the Investigating Staff of the Committee on Appropriations. I do not feel that Lee will ever be guilty of any such incident in the future and that he will always be loyal to the Director and the FBI.

The foregoing is submitted for your information and it is not felt that any further action need be taken concerning this matter at this time.

Ambr
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by Lee without intention
thoughtless & I don't
approve it*

August 29, 1949

MEMORANDUM

RE: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

After conversation with Mr. Mohr this morning, I am very disturbed at the fact that my memorandum of December 29, 1948 that appears in the Congressional Record of August 19, 1949 was construed to be either directly or indirectly a criticism of the FBI.

Concerning this memorandum, I would like to advise that it was prepared on December 29, 1948 at the direction of my superiors, who wished to have all the facts regarding the dissolution of my staff reduced to writing, inasmuch as Mr. Cannon had not served formal notice on any member of the staff but had handled their dismissal by verbal instructions to me.

The memorandum was reviewed at that time by a number of the ranking minority members of the committee, including Mr. Jensen and several minor changes were made. It was not intended to be nor is it a criticism in any way of the FBI and Mr. Jensen who, as you know, is a great admirer of the Bureau, would be the first to contradict any such inference. It refers to other government agencies and, as a matter of fact, reflects the views not only of the writer but of Mr. Bob Laughlin, the former Chief of the Staff, who submitted a similar memorandum at the time of his departure from the staff.

I have discussed this matter on many occasions with all of the minority members of the committee and there has always been unanimous agreement that the present system would be acceptable if it were possible to exclusively utilize FBI personnel. It is likewise pointed out that the practice in the past has been to use a great many people from other government agencies and the utilization of FBI personnel has been a rather small percentage of the total.

Mr. Taber has repeatedly indicated to me that his objection to the borrowing system is based on the incompetent help that is received from other government agencies and he has never had anything but the highest praise for the work of the men who were loaned from the FBI.

Specifically, concerning the inclusion of this internal memorandum in the record, I wish to advise that on the day in question I was on the floor assisting Mr. Taber and Mr. Wigglesworth in the first supplemental of 1950 that was being considered. During this discussion Mr. Cannon spoke out of order concerning the staff and at the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Jensen stood up and took issue with him. I had, of course, no previous notice that either Mr. Cannon was going to address himself to this subject or that Mr. Jensen would take issue with him. During the course of the debate Mr. Cannon denied that anyone from the staff had been dismissed and indicated that they had all been offered the privilege of retaining their position at the same salary, and he challenged Mr. Jensen to name any individual who was so dismissed.

Mr. Jensen was not in possession of the full facts at this point and the debate ended with Mr. Jensen having the privilege of revising and extending his remarks.

It is important also to remember that the actual colloquy between Mr. Jensen and Mr. Cannon, as it appears in the record, is not exactly as the debate progressed, inasmuch as it is the privilege of all members to correct their remarks, much as all government departments are afforded the privilege of correcting their testimony before congressional committees.

Mr. Jensen came to me on the floor after this debate and indicated he wanted the full facts and any data relating thereto. I reminded him of the memorandum he had assisted me in preparing last December.

Since I was busy assisting in the debate on the first supplemental, I hurriedly went over to my office and returned with a copy of this memorandum, which I gave to Mr. Jensen. I did not know that it was going to be made a part of the record at this point, and as a matter of fact in my haste I did not even read the memorandum over, since I knew that it contained a full statement of the facts and nothing therein in my mind was intended or meant to be critical in any sense of the word of the FBI or its personnel.

I am extremely distressed that this matter has been misunderstood as I have always and will continue to keep in mind the best interests of the FBI.

K. F. LEE

Washington, D. C.
August 22, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN MOHR: *JM*

On Friday, August 19, 1949, Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, made a speech before the House in regard to his policy and theory concerning investigation of Government agencies. At the conclusion of Mr. Cannon's speech, Ben F. Jensen (R-Iowa), engaged Mr. Cannon in a debate and attacked the present Investigative Staff system. Among other things, Jensen said that the present system is a whitewash program and that all Congressmen knew this very well. Jensen said that this whitewash system was going on today, mentioning that no decent man would accept the position under the present circumstances and policy of running the Investigative Staff. Mr. Cannon, of course, answered Mr. Jensen and asked him to name any investigation which had been given the whitewash and Jensen failed to reply.

At the conclusion of the debate there appears in the Congressional Record a memorandum written by Robert E. Lee, former Chief of the Investigative Staff. This is entitled a memorandum for the file, dated December 29, 1948, and sets forth Mr. Lee's views on the Investigative Staff. George Harvey has advised that this memorandum was not offered by Mr. Jensen at the time the debate took place but that Mr. Jensen later in the day obtained permission to extend his remarks and placed the memorandum in the Record in Mr. Cannon's absence.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 1949, I spoke to George Harvey, Clerk of the Committee, in regard to this matter. Harvey requested that I search the files of the Staff in order to determine whether a copy of this

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.**

December 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Bob Lee called me to-day to advise that he has been offered a position by the General Accounting Office as Deputy head of their investigative division. He indicated that he was not interested at present as it would mean a considerable reduction in salary. He advised that sometime ago the head of the G.A.O. investigative division retired and there was a young man by the name of Ellis appointed to fill the vacancy. Ellis has now approached Lee to act as his deputy and to possibly head up the division in a year or so as Ellis expects to return by then to the legal field.

Lee thought you would be interested in this in the event inquiries were made of us concerning him.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Mr. Glavin

[Signature]

November 23, 1950

Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Westover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I have read in a recent newspaper article where Plain Magazine named you as one of the ten "Nice Young Men of Washington," and I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations for this excellent recognition.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Personnel files indicate that former SA Lee EOD 1-10-38 and resigned voluntarily 6-21-46. Last efficiency rating "excellent." Salary at departure \$7020.40.

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To : MR. TOLSON

From : MR. H. H. Glegg

Subject:

Mr. William L. Ellis of the Comptroller General's Office telephoned and stated in connection with the position that they had vacant, about which Mr. Frank L. Yates had talked to Mr. Tolson, they had talked to former Agent Robert E. Lee, but they couldn't offer him enough money and that recently Mr. Bob Cartwright had come over without any solicitation from them and indicated his interest. He asked if I knew Mr. Cartwright and I told him I did know him, that I had not supervised any of his work, but he was a high-mined moral young man who was one of Mr. Nichols' assistants. I gathered the impression that his primary purpose was to inform me that Mr. Cartwright had called.

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Robert Edward Lee

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/21/52

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SENATOR ANDREW F. SCHOEPPPEL
(Republican-Kansas)

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Ladd ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Clegg ✓
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Rosen ✓
Tracy ✓
Mohr ✓
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Gandy ✓

Bob Lee, former Special Agent now Minority Clerk with the House Appropriations Committee, called me on April 18, 1952 and stated that Senator Schoeppel had been sick and thinks he has an ulcer. The Senator did not desire going to Bethesda Naval Hospital or Walter Reed for treatment stating that Congressmen go to those places and he did not believe in that type of socialized medicine. Lee stated he had indicated to the Senator he thought perhaps he might be able to arrange to have the Senator go through the clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Lee asked if we could do anything to assist in this matter. Lee said it would be all right to set a tentative date any time after Tuesday, April 22, 1952. Lee stated if we could do anything to find out the cost because the Senator lived on his salary and apparently had to watch his funds very carefully.

After discussing this matter with you, I telephonically advised Lee this morning that we did not know of anyone particularly at Johns Hopkins through whom we could make such arrangements and if he, Lee, was desirous of making an appointment for the Senator he should do so by simply calling the admitting officer at Johns Hopkins.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

J.P. Mohr
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On December 3, 1952, I saw Mr. Robert E. Lee, former Special Agent who is now attached to Congressman Taber's office at the Capitol. Mr. Lee indicated to me that he had been offered the Assistant Directorship of the Budget under General Eisenhower but that he had decided to remain with Congressman Taber and to head up the operations of the Investigative Groups and Inquiries which were to be made by the Appropriations Committee of the House under the new Congress. I took occasion to call to Mr. Lee's attention some of the background of three persons employed by the Appropriations Committee, who were in the office of the counsel of that Committee, Mr. Donnelley. Mr. Lee stated he was amazed at the background of these three individuals and was glad to have the information.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12/4/52

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED INVESTIGATIVE STAFF
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION

Former Special Agent Robert E. Lee advised me yesterday that in all probability he would be in charge of all of the investigative activities of the House Appropriations Committee during the Republican administration. He stated he had not definitely worked out the type of program he was going to set up but he thought it would be something similar to what he had in existence when he formerly headed the staff during the Republican 80th Congress.

Mr. Lee stated that it was his thought that he would have a rather small staff in Washington and that he would again use consultants to a large extent to make the inquiries requested by the various subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Lee stated in that connection he had thought of utilizing former Special Agents in various cities on a more or less consultant basis at \$50 a day to handle specific short-term inquiries. As an example, he stated that if he had a lead to cover in Chicago it would be cheaper for him to have a former Agent on whom he could rely conduct the inquiry rather than send an investigator out to Chicago from Washington.

Subsequently Mr. Lee saw the Director yesterday and he came by to see me and told me that he had discussed this phase of the situation with the Director and the Director had indicated he should discuss it with me. Mr. Lee stated it was not necessary that he be furnished a list at this time of Agents in various cities that he might call upon but he would rather handle the matter when situations developed. In other words, if it subsequently developed that he needed someone to make an inquiry in Omaha, he would call me and get clearance on a former Agent to handle the matter in Omaha. Similarly he would call if he needed someone in other cities in the United States. I told Mr. Lee that I thought this procedure would be entirely satisfactory and that we could give him the name of somebody in a day's time if we knew of anyone in the particular city interested and available for this type of work.

The foregoing is submitted for your information since it does not appear that any further action is necessary at this time.

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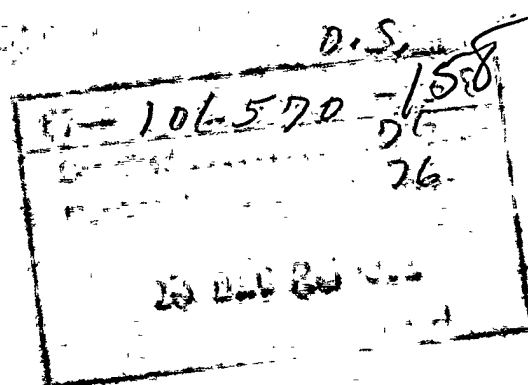
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Robert E. Lee, former Special Agent, called this afternoon and expressed a desire to see you at your convenience. He stated that he would prefer to see you sometime on Friday of this week, if convenient to you, as he wanted to talk to Congressman Taber before he saw you regarding his plans.

Mr. Lee stated he wanted to talk to you about the new set-up on the Hill and wanted to get your advice concerning some matters.

You will recall that Lee is Minority Clerk with the House Appropriations Committee, and under the new Administration he will probably become the Majority Clerk.

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Prepared by
Checked by
Filed by

February 10, 1953

MEMORANDUM

RE: ROBERT E. LEE

Prior to the appointment of Mr. Lee in the Federal Bureau of Investigation a complete character and fitness investigation was conducted concerning him and he was found suitable for employment. He entered on duty on January 10, 1933, as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training he performed investigative and accounting duties in the Richmond, Newark, and Chicago Offices of this Bureau and also served in a supervisory capacity at the Seat of Government. He received the following payroll changes:

CAF 10	\$3500	6-1-39
CAF 11	\$3800	2-16-41
CAF 12	\$4600	7-1-41
CAF 13	\$5600	7-16-44

Mr. Lee submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business June 28, 1946, to accept another position. At the time of his separation he was receiving salary at the rate of \$6860 per annum in Grade CAF 13. His services were entirely satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Memorandum prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Miss J. Watson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen
 FROM : Mr. Callahan
 SUBJECT: ROBERT EMMETT LEE - WA - 68161
 ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

DATE: February 11, 1953

PURPOSE:

To advise of receipt from the Atomic Energy Commission of a request for an applicant-type investigation concerning the above individual, a former Bureau employee.

DETAILS:

The Atomic Energy Commission has advised that Mr. Lee, in his present capacity as a member of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, Congress of the United States, will study the 1954 Atomic Energy Commission budget. In connection with his duties, Mr. Lee will have access to restricted data and exclusion areas.

Mr. Lee was employed by the Bureau from January 10, 1938, to June 28, 1946.

Subsequent to Bureau service, his PSQ discloses employment from 1948, exact date not shown, to the present as the Director of Surveys and Investigations, House Appropriations Committee.

The Director was named by Mr. Lee as a reference.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Administrative Division has been requested to prepare an appropriate memorandum on Bureau letterhead for transmittal to the Atomic Energy Commission.

An investigation of Mr. Lee has been ordered to cover the period of his life subsequent to his Bureau employment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None. The above is for your information.

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RE: ROBERT E. LEE

Mr. Lee entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 10, 1938, as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training he performed investigative and accounting duties in the Richmond, Newark and Chicago Offices of this Bureau and also served in a supervisory capacity at the Seat of Government. He received the following payroll changes:

CAF 10	\$3500	6-1-39
CAF 11	\$3800	2-16-41
CAF 12	\$4600	7-1-41
CAF 13	\$5600	7-16-44

Mr. Lee submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business June 28, 1946, to accept another position. At the time of his separation he was receiving salary at the rate of \$6860 per annum in Grade CAF 13. His services were entirely satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Memorandum prepared for the Special Inquiry Section for transmittal to the Atomic Energy Commission.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: 5/13/53

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

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Former Special Agent Bob Lee, who is presently in charge of the Investigative Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, called and stated that in connection with an inquiry they had made at the Department of Defense, one of his subordinates had prepared a chart showing the various civil functions of the Department of Defense. Lee said he had shown it to Mr. Taber and Mr. Taber thought it would be an excellent medium to use in connection with a speech which Mr. Taber would make or one of the members of the Committee.

Lee said the present chart is 18" x 24" and he wanted to know whether we could have [redacted] blow it up so it could be used on a stand and shown on the floor of the House. He said he would like to have this done by Wednesday of next week.

I told Mr. Lee I would check and let him know.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Mr. Lee be permitted to have [redacted] blow the chart in question up to a size suitable for showing in connection with the speech Mr. Taber or one of the members of the Committee might make on the floor of the House.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/18/53

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FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATING STAFF
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert E. Lee

Bob Lee, former Agent and presently in charge of the Investigating Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, asked if there was any possibility of borrowing a stenographer from the Chicago Office on a reimbursable basis for a period of about two weeks. He said he would like to secure the loan of such a stenographer in ten days or two weeks time to assist his staff in writing up some material on an investigation being conducted of the Railroad Retirement Board.

I told Mr. Lee we were pretty hard pressed for stenographers in Chicago and I seriously doubted whether we could make a stenographer available but I would check and see.

Frankly we do not have any excess stenographers in the Chicago Division and if you agree, I will call Lee and tell him we regret it is not possible to make available to him a stenographer at this time.

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I think we might
accede to this.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/19/53

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATING STAFF
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I called Mr. Robert E. Lee, former Special Agent and presently in charge of the Investigating Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, and told him that the Director had approved making available to him a stenographer from the Chicago Office for a period of ten days to two weeks on a reimbursable basis.

Mr. Lee was deeply grateful and expressed considerable appreciation for the Director's action in doing this. Mr. Lee said he realized, of course, that he could have secured a stenographer from some other governmental agency but he personally would prefer to have a Bureau stenographer since he knows they are far superior to other governmental stenographers and as a matter of fact, Congressman Taber if Lee has to borrow any employees for his staff prefers they be borrowed from the FBI and nowhere else.

Mr. Lee stated that he planned to be in Chicago at the end of next week and either he or one of his representatives would contact SAC Weatherford to obtain the services of the stenographer. Mr. Lee said he thought he would only need the services of the stenographer for ten days or two weeks at the most. He said we should keep a record of the time he utilizes the stenographer and submit the voucher to him for payment. The Administrative Division will follow to see that this is done.

There is attached a letter to the SAC at Chicago advising him of the Director's approval that Mr. Lee or one of his representatives will contact him to obtain the services of a stenographer.

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CC - Mr. Glavin

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/18/53

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

Bob Lee, former Special Agent and presently in charge of the Investigating Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, called my today and stated he was in Chicago last week and has set up an investigation of the Railroad Retirement Board. It appears that Congressman Fred Busby's subcommittee is interested in this inquiry.

Lee stated that Whittaker Chambers worked for the Railroad Retirement Board as well as an individual by the name of Silverman, who Lee indicated has a bad record. Lee stated that he planned to check the names of employees of the Railroad Retirement Board through the House Un-American Activities Committee file; however, he said if the Bureau had any information concerning any individuals in the Railroad Retirement Board who were bad security risks or loyalty risks, he would appreciate receiving any information we could give him, particularly as to their identity. He realizes the Bureau cannot give him any loyalty information.

I told Mr. Lee if we had anything of any consequence we would get in touch with him. I feel it might be desirable for the Loyalty Section to check over their lists and see if they have anything concerning any disloyal individuals in the Railroad Retirement Board which we might pass on to Lee.

Lee also stated that the Railroad Retirement Board kept the minutes of their meetings and he said in going over the minutes for the fiscal year 1952, he noted that the Railroad Retirement Board had a theft of files and he surmised they were loyalty files and the minutes indicated this theft had been reported to the FBI. Lee wanted to know whether there was any information we could give him concerning this theft of files, whether the case had been solved or whether there was anything he could do in connection with his inquiry which might be of assistance to the Bureau.

I suggest that the Investigative Division go over this case if there is one pending and see if there is any assistance we can give Lee or any information we can give him with a view to possible getting his cooperation and assistance in connection with the case.

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CCMr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Domestic Intelligence Division and the Investigative Division see if there is anything we can do to be of assistance to Lee in accordance with the data set forth in this memorandum.

TOLSON'S NOTATION O. K.
DIRECTOR'S NOTATION "I CONCUR. H."

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 14, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *Memo to Mr. Tolson*

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Last evening Roy Cohn called me and stated that Senator McCarthy was on the verge of making Bob Kennedy Acting Director of the Committee; that he, of course, is sick over this because this would mean that Flanagan would be back in the driver's seat.

Cohn inquired about Bob Lee. I told Cohn that Lee had been out of the Bureau for a long time, and that while we were very friendly with Lee and while his record had been very good in the Bureau, we had not been too closely connected with his work and would not be in too good a position to evaluate whether he would be of value to the Committee. Cohn stated that he has talked to several people and that everyone he has talked to said that he is a good man "but." He mentioned Scott McLeod as one of these who took this view. I asked Cohn if McCarthy did not get his original list of Commies from Lee. Cohn very quickly got the point and stated that he certainly would bring the press down on the Committee.

Cohn then got off again on Francis Carr. He stated that he was the ideal man; that he could have done a superb job; that Carr's mother was very active in Republican activities in Rhode Island; and that Carr was reluctant to do anything unless directed to do so by the Bureau. I told Cohn he knew we could not direct him and we could not agree to his release. Cohn stated he hoped that the fact that Carr's name has been injected in this would not hurt Carr as Carr is very level-headed and intensely loyal and devoted to the Bureau and to those for whom he worked. While he has not had any direct word from Carr, he knows that Carr's position would be that he would never take the job without the Bureau's supporting him for it.

This morning Cohn called me. He seemed pretty much downcast. He stated that Flanagan was back running the show; that he had just learned a half hour ago that Flanagan was handling the Bundy case; that he can sense the situation and that Flanagan is moving back into the act. Cohn said he could have swung Carr for this job had we supported this but we let him down. I told Cohn it was not a question of letting anybody down, that we would never let him down but that, as I had previously told him, it was the principle involved; that if Carr wanted to take the job, it was up to Carr.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

Cohn then told me in confidence that Senator McCarthy was going to Dave Shine's place tonight. He has been invited to the White House tomorrow for lunch, but the last time he was over there, he was offended when the President selected Margaret Chase Smith to have his picture taken with when McCarthy was Chairman of the Committee; that since that time, there have been several overtures made to him by the White House; however, he says that he is not going to be put in an embarrassing position again and, accordingly, will simply be out of town. W/S

Roy also told me that a Professor ~~Raymond McGovern~~ of Northwestern University has long been a close friend of Senator McCarthy and his name has been raised a couple of times as Staff Director of the Committee. ✓ ✓ Roy

SAC, CHICAGO

DIRECTOR, FBI

SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS STAFF
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Mr. Robert E. Lee, former Special Agent and presently Director of Surveys and Investigations, House Appropriations Committee, has requested the services of a stenographer from the Chicago Office for a period of ten days or two weeks on a reimbursable basis.

I have informed Mr. Lee that the Bureau will be very happy to make a stenographer available to him and I have suggested to him that he or one of his representatives contact you in order that you can make the stenographer available when he desires. Mr. Lee said he would probably contact you within a week or ten days.

I desire that you make available to Mr. Lee one of your best qualified stenographers and that you promptly advise the Bureau by Air-tel when the stenographer has been loaned to Mr. Lee. You should record the days when she is on loan to Mr. Lee and his staff and at the termination of this assignment the Bureau should be advised of the number of days the stenographer was made available to Mr. Lee in order that a proper voucher can be submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for reimbursement of the stenographer's salary.

CC - Mr. Glavin

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July 14, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Yesterday former Special Agent Robert E. Lee, who is now attached to the Appropriations Committee of the House, called to see me. Mr. Lee is a candidate for the position of Assistant Comptroller General, the vacancy having been occasioned by the recent death of Mr. Yates. Mr. Lee stated that a Mr. Weitzel, who is employed in the General Accounting Office, was being sponsored for the position by the present Comptroller General, Mr. Lindsay Warren. He stated he understood that Mr. Warren had obtained a commitment for this appointment of Weitzel from Governor Sherman Adams. Mr. Lee stated that Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber were both active in the support of Mr. Lee for this position and that Senator Bridges was to see the President at breakfast this morning about Mr. Lee's appointment. I checked and found that Mr. Weitzel's name has been referred to us by the White House for investigation, which fact I made known to Mr. Lee.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : H. L. Edwards *H. L. Edwards*

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
Former Special Agent
Service Record Request

DATE: August 28, 1953

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A request for the service record of former Special Agent Robert E. Lee has been received from the White House. The exact nature of the position for which Lee is being considered is not known at this time. However, a recent memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson dated July 14, 1953, as contained in Lee's file reflects that Lee contacted the Director on July 13, 1953, and stated that he was a candidate for the position of Assistant Comptroller General.

Robert E. Lee entered on duty as a Special Agent in this Bureau on January 10, 1938, in Grade CAF 9 with a salary of \$3200 per year. He performed investigative duties in the Richmond, Newark and Chicago Offices prior to his assignment at the Seat of Government in the Administrative Division where he was assigned effective February 28, 1941. While assigned at the Seat of Government he performed duties in the Chief Clerk's Office and held the position of Chief Clerk in the Administrative Division at the time of his resignation. At the date of his resignation he was in Grade GS 13 at a salary of \$6860.00 per year. As of June 28, 1946, Mr. Lee was loaned to the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, 79th Congress and he worked with that Committee on this basis until January 31, 1947, when he submitted a letter of resignation. Inasmuch as he had been formerly removed from the Bureau's rolls as of June 28, 1946, (the time when he commenced performance of duties with this Committee) his effective resignation date was as of that date of June 28, 1946. *OS.*

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In his letter of resignation dated January 31, 1947, he did not go into detail concerning the reasons for his resignation, but his file indicates that he did discuss this personally with the Director and the resignation was occasioned by his decision to become permanently attached to the Committee, mentioned above. Subsequent information in his file reflects that immediately following his resignation he was designated as Chief, Investigative Staff, Committee on Appropriations, 80th Congress. Lee continued in this capacity for the duration of the 80th Congress and then was placed in the position of Minority Clerk with this same Committee at the beginning of the 81st Congress due to the change of the majority control from Republican to Democratic. Lee continued in this capacity in the 82nd Congress. In the present 83rd Congress Lee's file reflects that he now holds the position of Director of Surveys and Investigations in the House Appropriations Committee.

*Memorandum to Director
Letter to Adams, White House*

Attachment 10
cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Liaison Section (Sent direct)
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Memo to Mr. Glavin

Throughout Lee's service in the Bureau his services were definitely above average. He received an exit performance rating of Excellent, received a promotion for superior accomplishment effective March 24, 1946, because of sustained and superior work performance over a long period time and the caliber of his work was described as being excellent.

Since leaving the Bureau Lee has generally exhibited a most cooperative attitude toward the Bureau and in the numerous contacts which he has had with the Director and other Bureau officials since the date of his resignation he has continually expressed every desire to be of assistance to this Bureau. He has supplemented this by furnishing the Bureau with helpful information on occasions.

By memorandum dated August 31, 1949, from Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson, information is set forth that Congressman Cannon made a speech on the floor of the House on August 14, 1949, concerning the manner in which the House Appropriations Committee Investigating Staff was functioning at that time. Apparently Congressman Ben Jensen had taken issue with Congressman Cannon and Jensen included in the Congressional Record a memorandum which previously had been prepared by Lee on December 29, 1948. In this memorandum Lee explained the disadvantages of the Investigative Staff which was then being utilized by Congressman Cannon. He listed eight disadvantages and Lee did not specifically state to whom these disadvantages referred. The memorandum by Mr. Mohr states that any ordinary person reading the memorandum of Lee would think that the disadvantages referred to the FBI and the personnel which the FBI had loaned to the Appropriations Committee, as well as referring to the members of other Governmental agencies which at that time were being utilized by the Committee. Lee's memorandum was scorching in its denunciation of the manner in which Congressman Cannon was then operating the Investigative Staff of the Appropriations Committee. In connection with this matter the Director, on the original memorandum submitted by SA Hargett which occasioned Mr. Mohr's memorandum, stated as follows, "Certainly Lee takes some very vicious digs at the FBI which are entirely untrue and unwarranted. His letter to Cannon is as vilifying as any statement ever made against us. H."

In connection with this entire matter Lee subsequently contacted the Bureau and was interviewed by Mr. Mohr on August 29, 1949. At that time Lee advised that there was certainly a misunderstanding in the entire matter inasmuch as it was not intended that his (Lee's) memorandum should be a criticism in any way of the FBI, and Lee pointed out that Congressman Jensen who introduced his (Lee's) memorandum into the Congressional Record was a great admirer of the Bureau. Lee further advised that the criticisms he set forth in his memorandum

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related to personnel loaned by other Government agencies. He stated that he felt, as did the other minority members of the Committee at that time, that the system then in effect in the selection of personnel would be acceptable if it were possible to utilize FBI personnel exclusively. Lee supplemented this by stating that Congressman Taber had repeatedly told him that his objection to the borrowing system of securing personnel then in effect was based on the incompetent help which was received from other Governmental agencies but that Taber never had anything but the highest praise for the work performed by the employees loaned by the FBI. He further stated that he had no idea at the time that his memorandum was going to be included in the Congressional Record but that this was done on the spur of the moment by Congressman Jensen when he took issue with Congressman Cannon. Lee placed this explanation in the form of a memorandum which is dated August 29, 1949, a copy of which is contained in his file.

By letter dated November 28, 1950, the Director congratulated Lee for his selection by Flair Magazine as one of the ten "Wise Young Men of Washington."

By memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson dated December 3, 1952, information was set forth reflecting that the Director had interviewed Lee on that date and Lee indicated he had been offered the position of Assistant Director of the Budget under President-Elect Eisenhower. Lee indicated that he had decided to remain with Congressman Taber to head up the operations of the investigative group of the House Appropriations Committee of the new Congress.

On December 3, 1952, Lee likewise contacted Mr. Mohr and stated that his contemplated plans in connection with his expected position in the new (83rd) Congress was that he thought of utilizing former Special Agents in various cities on a more or less consultant basis at \$50 a day to handle specific short-term inquiries. Mr. Lee was in turn advised that it was believed that the Bureau could give him names of suitable former Special Agents in the various cities.

By memorandum dated July 14, 1953, from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson, information was set forth reflecting that Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Committee, had contacted Mr. Nichols concerning certain matters and inquired concerning Bob Lee. Apparently Cohn was interested in the possibility of having Lee become connected with that Committee; however, Cohn was furnished no recommendation on the part of this Bureau relative to Lee. During the course of this contact Cohn indicated he had talked to several people and everyone said that Lee was a good man "but." Mr. Nichols

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then asked Cohn if McCarthy did not get his original list of Commies from Lee. Mr. Nichols said "Cohn very quickly got the point and stated that he certainly would bring the press down on the Committee."

By memorandum dated July 14, 1953, from the Director to Mr. Tolson, he advised that on July 13, 1953, Lee contacted him and advised that he was a candidate for the position of Assistant Comptroller General, which vacancy was occasioned by the recent death of Mr. Yates. Lee added that a Mr. Weitzel, then employed in the General Accounting Office, was being sponsored for the same position by the present Comptroller General, Mr. Lindsay Warren, and that Warren had obtained a commitment for this appointment of Weitzel from former Governor Sherman Adams. Lee added that Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber were active in his (Lee's) support, and that Senator Bridges was to see President Eisenhower on July 14, 1953, relative to Lee's possible appointment. Lee was advised that this Bureau had received a request from the White House for an investigation of Mr. Weitzel.

Lee's file reflects that two service records have been furnished to other Governmental agencies relative to him. One such record was furnished by memorandum dated February 10, 1953, to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and another was furnished by memorandum dated February 13, 1953, to the Atomic Energy Commission. This latest memorandum reflects that it was requested by AEC due to the fact that Lee is a member of the House Appropriations Committee staff, was about to study the 1954 AEC budget and as such, would have access to restricted information.

In view of the above information which reflects that his services were highly satisfactory while an employee of this Bureau, that he has continued to exhibit a cooperative attitude since the date of his resignation, and since the date of his resignation did not occur at a time when his services were urgently needed by this Bureau, it is felt that a statement should be contained in the attached service record memorandum relating to his Bureau service to the effect that his services were satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature is known concerning his character or integrity during the time when he was an employee of this Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached memorandum be directed to the Liaison Section for transmittal to the White House.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

September 1, 1953

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: ROBERT EMMET LEE
WHITE HOUSE NAME CHECK REQUEST

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SYNOPSIS:

Request received from White House for name check and investigation of Robert E. Lee, former Bureau Agent and current staff member, House Appropriations Committee. Currently being considered for unspecified Presidential appointment. Was Bureau Agent 1938-1946. As staff member with House Appropriations Committee has been in frequent contact with Bureau officials and has been cooperative with Bureau. In 1948 prepared memorandum explaining the disadvantages of the then House Appropriations Committee Investigating Staff, which memorandum could be interpreted to include Bureau personnel assigned to that staff. During discussion on floor of House on August 14, 1949, concerning manner in which House Appropriations Investigating Staff was functioning, Congressman Jensen had this memorandum included in Congressional Record. Lee subsequently submitted memorandum for Bureau explaining he at no time intended to be critical of Bureau and Bureau employees and further explained purpose in submitting original memorandum grew out of objections to borrowing system used by Committee to get personnel from other governmental agencies. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) investigation concerning Lee conducted by Bureau February and March, 1953, favorable. Lee and wife, Wilma, testified before Senate Subcommittee investigating Maryland Senatorial election of 1950, but no evidence their activities illegal.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Sherman Adams at the White House.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated August 28, 1953, from the Office of Sherman Adams at the White House, and received in your office the morning of August 31, 1953, the Bureau was requested to conduct a name check and full field investigation on Robert Emmet Lee who is being considered for a possible Presidential appointment. The position Lee is being considered for was not given.

Lee, as you will recall, is a former Bureau Agent who is currently employed as Director of Surveys and Investigations in the House Appropriations Committee. A review of his personnel file shows that since he left the Bureau in 1946 to accept employment with the House Appropriations Committee, he has generally exhibited a most cooperative attitude toward the Bureau and in the numerous contacts which he has had with you and other Bureau officials, he has continually expressed every desire to be of assistance to this Bureau. He has on occasion furnished the Bureau with helpful information. By memorandum dated August 31, 1949, from Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson information is set forth that Congressman Cannon made a speech on the floor of the House on August 14, 1949, concerning the manner in which House Appropriations Committee Investigating Staff was functioning at that time. Apparently Congressman Ben Jensen had taken issue with Congressman Cannon and Jensen included in the Congressional Record a memorandum which previously had been prepared by Lee explaining the disadvantages of the Investigative Staff, which was then being utilized by Congressman Cannon. In this memorandum, Lee listed eight disadvantages but did not state to whom they referred. The memorandum by Mr. Mohr stated that any ordinary person reading the memorandum of Lee's would think that the disadvantages referred to the FBI and the personnel which the FBI had loaned to the Appropriations Committee, as well as referring to the members of other Governmental agencies which at that time were being utilized by the Committee. In this connection, you stated "certainly Lee takes some very vicious digs at the FBI which are entirely untrue and unwarranted. His letter to Cannon is as vilifying as any statement ever made against us. H."

Lee subsequently contacted the Bureau and was interviewed by Mr. Mohr on August 29, 1949, and explained his side of the picture in a memorandum dated August 29, 1949. In that memorandum Lee stated that he at no time intended that his comments should be a criticism of the FBI. (67-106570)

An Atomic Energy Act applicant investigation concerning Lee was conducted by the Bureau in February and March, 1953, at which time no derogatory information was developed. This investigation covered the period since Lee's resignation from the Bureau, June 28, 1946. (116-372061)

Bureau files also reflect that Lee and his wife, Wilma E. Lee, were witnesses before the Senate Committee investigating the Maryland Senatorial election of 1950 and testified before that Committee on March 15, 1951. Their testimony concerned their activities in the election campaign of Senator Butler of Maryland, wherein Mrs. Lee headed up a volunteer group mailing out many thousands of post cards urging the election of Senator Butler. She was questioned principally concerning \$6,000 which she received to cover the expenses of this project and the source of the money and how it was actually spent. A review of the testimony does not indicate any improper activities on the part of either Lee or his wife. (56-975-213)

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August 28, 1953

MEMORANDUM

RE: ROBERT F. LEE

Mr. Lee entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 19, 1933, as a Special Agent in Grade CAF 9 with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and following a period of training he performed investigative and accounting duties in the Richmond, Newark and Chicago Offices of this Bureau and also served in a supervisory capacity at the Seat of Government. He received the following payroll changes:

CAF 10	\$3500	6-1-39
CAF 11	\$3900	2-15-41
CAF 12	\$4600	7-1-41
CAF 13	\$5600	7-16-44

Mr. Lee submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business June 23, 1946, to accept another position. At the date of his separation he was receiving salary at the rate of \$6050 per annum in Grade CAF 13. His services were satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Memorandum prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to the White House.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *✓*

DATE: Sept. 25, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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Earl Gammons of the Columbia Broadcasting System advised Mr. McGuire at 11:00 a.m. this morning that he heard a rumor that former Special Agent Robert E. Lee might be appointed today to one of the vacancies at Federal Communications Commission. Gammons stated he heard a rumor that Lee was Jewish; however, he had been told by another person this morning that Lee was an Irish Catholic. Gammons was told that this was correct.

As you might recall, Lee's wife, Rex, was to be Matron of Honor at the wedding next week of Senator Joe McCarthy and Jean Kerr at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Gammons stated he hoped this might be good news to CBS if Lee should be appointed, as CBS had had a lot of trouble over at FCC and from what he had heard, Lee sounded like a good man who had the confidence of Taber and others on the Hill.

CC: Mr. Holloman

JJM:JAH

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to your request of August 28, 1953, for a name check and investigation concerning Robert Emmet Lee who is being considered for a possible Presidential appointment.

There is attached hereto a memorandum concerning Mr. Lee and his connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from January 10, 1938 until June 1946. (67-106570)

In February and March, 1953, this Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Mr. Lee at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission in view of the fact that as a member of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, Congress of the United States, he would study the 1954 Atomic Energy Commission budget and in connection with those duties would have access to restricted data and exclusion areas. During this investigation references, neighbors and fellow workers all stated that they considered Mr. Lee to be an individual of high integrity, good moral character and entirely loyal to the United States. (116-372061)

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In addition to the information set forth above, the files of this Bureau reflect that Robert E. Lee and his wife, Wilma E. Lee, were called as witnesses in hearings before the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, Eighty-Second Congress, First Session, on March 15, 1951. These hearings concerned the Maryland Senatorial election of 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Lee testified as to their activities as volunteer election workers for Senator John M. Butler of Maryland and Mrs. Lee particularly testified concerning the fact she had received a total of \$6,000 for use in the election campaign, which she stated she made a full accounting for. The testimony of Robert E. Lee and Wilma E. Lee appears on pages 482-505 of the printed hearings in this matter. (56-975-213)

A full field investigation concerning Mr. Lee is being instituted and you will be advised of the results upon its completion.

Sincerely yours,

Attachment

October 7, 1953

Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Westover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I have just heard of the good news concerning your appointment as a commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission and did not want to let this opportunity pass without dropping you a line to express my sincere congratulations and best wishes for much success in your new field of endeavor.

I know your many friends and associates here at the Bureau join me in these expressions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

(Note: The above letter is based on a press release that was sent out under date of 10-6-53)

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R. E. Lee, McCarthy Friend, Named to FCC; Says Appointment Will Be News to Senator

By Edward F. Ryan
Post Reporter

Robert E. Lee, director of investigation for the House Appropriations Committee and a former FBI agent, yesterday received President Eisenhower's appointment to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Lee, 41, is a close friend of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, (R-Wisc.). Lee's wife was matron

of honor to Senator McCarthy's bride, the former Miss Jean Kerr, of Washington, in their wedding here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were politically active as associates of Senator McCarthy and the former Miss Kerr in the Maryland Senatorial campaign of 1950 wherein John Marshall Butler (R) unseated Millard E. Tydings (D), who at the time was McCarthy's political enemy No. 1.

Disclaims Senator's Aid

Lee told The Washington Post last night that he is a friend of McCarthy's, but that as far as he knows the Senator had nothing to do with the appointment to the FCC.

He had the solid backing of the 30 Republican members of the House Appropriations Committee for the FCC job, Lee said, "but I never asked McCarthy to do anything and I'm sure he didn't."

McCarthy this year has taken a vigorous hand in FCC business. In April, McCarthy, using his powers as chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigating subcommittee, hailed Lee's predecessor, FCC Commissioner Paul A. Walker, then chairman of the commission, into an unusual and secret executive session, to discuss a controversial Milwaukee television license.

Second FCC Appointment

McCarthy backing the Hearst Corporation's bid to get Milwaukee Channel 10 for commercial use, called upon Walker to hold up for a period any action that would imperil the Hearst proposal and advance the bid of Milwaukee school officials to get the channel for

an educational station. The fight over the Milwaukee channel still is pending before the FCC and in the United States Court of Appeals here.

Lee's appointment was Mr. Eisenhower's second to the FCC. His first was that of John C. Doerfer, Wisconsin Republican. The FCC's third ruling against Hearst's bid for the Milwaukee channel 10 was handed down in July, after Doerfer joined the agency.

Lee told a reporter that while "McCarthy is a good friend of mine" in FCC matters, "he'll get the same treatment as anyone else as far as I'm concerned." He said he believes his appointment to the FCC "will be news to him (McCarthy)."

As for his new duties, Lee said "Of course, I'm delighted, but I hope I'm smart enough not to comment on FCC matters until I know more about them. It's a very complicated field and I'm no authority on it. I plan to do the best I can to learn fast and keep my mouth shut in the meantime."

Lee's appointment was announced at the White House about 9:30 a. m., and he was sworn in to FCC membership at noon by Chief Judge Harold M. Stephens of the United States Court of Appeals here. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation when Congress returns.

While disclaiming expertness on FCC matters, Lee has had some experience in television, having served as guest moderator three times this year for the Facts Forum program, sponsored by the fabulously wealthy Texas oil man, Col. H. L. Hunt, and others. Lee said he moderated the program at Hunt's request to help get it started.



Associated Press Photo.

ROBERT E. LEE
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McCarthy was a participant on the first program. Marquis Childs reported in June that Hunt, whose annual income after taxes was described as totaling more than 20 million dollars, and other wealthy Texas oil men had contracted with McCarthy to put the Senator on television regularly.

Senator McCarthy's wife, formerly his office assistant, resigned from his senatorial staff several months before their marriage to engage in research work. It was reported she did some research work for Hunt's Facts Forum, but Lee said he did not believe that to be the case.

Lee was born in Chicago, Ill., March 31, 1912, and won a degree in accounting from De Paul University, Chicago, in 1933. He worked as an auditor in Chicago and St. Louis hotels, and in January, 1918, joined the FBI as a special agent.

He saw FBI duty in Richmond, New York, Chicago, and Newark, before being assigned to the Washington headquarters as an inspector. He was chief clerk, and later an administrative assistant, to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, and had charge of fiscal matters. During the war, he helped supervise the national recruiting drive.

He went to the House Appropriations Committee on loan from the FBI in 1946. During the Eightieth Congress, he directed an investigation of State Department loyalty cases, in which a coded report on 108 individuals was prepared. In 1950, Senator Tydings' probe of Senator McCarthy's charges about State Department loyalty cases linked the House list of cases to the one McCarthy used. Lee said yesterday he never gave McCarthy the case list.

The Lees live at 3147 Westover drive se. They have three children.

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TO: MR. D. M. LADD
 FROM: MR. A. H. BELMONT
 SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON BRO. DC/ST
 October 11, 1953

October 12, 1953

Robert F. Lee

The following items were mentioned on Drew Pearson's transcribed broadcast of October 11, 1953, which may be of interest to the Bureau:

ITEM I.

Pearson stated that Senators Heddings of Minnesota and Monroney of Oklahoma went to know what the Justice Department is going to do about charges of corruption in the 1950 Maryland Senatorial Election Campaign involving Senators McCarthy and Butler. Pearson said McCarthy used money furnished by the Chicago Tribune and Texas money to defeat Senator Heddings and that the Statute of Limitations will expire in thirty days.

COMMENT:

It is noted that Pearson referred to this matter on his broadcasts on September 13 and 27, 1953, stating then that fifty and forty days respectively remained before the Statute of Limitations expired. The results of an election law violation investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, and the Bureau has followed the Department but to date no opinion has been received.

ITEM II.

Under a heading of "Saving the Government Money," Pearson mentioned the following items:

Mrs. Hugh Scott, wife of Congressman Scott of Philadelphia received a diamond bracelet when she christened a new Government financed freighter, which ship had cost five million dollars.

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cc - Mr. Rosen

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Vice-President Nixon's secretary received twenty-three orchids from persons desiring appointments with the Vice-President.

Congressmen Keating of New York and Hennings of California took secretaries with them on their recent round the world tour.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information or complaints regarding these items. No investigation is being conducted at this time.

ITEM III.

Pearson said Washington is buzzing about the Southern Governor who is under investigation for taking fees while a judge.

COMMENT:

From information available it is impossible to identify the person to whom Pearson is referring.

ITEM IV.

Pearson stated that recently Harold Falbot, Secretary for Air, travelled to Dayton, Ohio, to appear as best man at a wedding of a negro chauffeur who had been in the employ of the Falbot family for forty-six years. Pearson said it would have save money for the Government if Mr. Falbot had not travelled to Dayton in an Air Force plane.

COMMENT:

None.

ITEM V.

In his prediction of things to come, Pearson stated the Justice Department will bring out a long list of indictments, mostly of Democrats, including several layers.

COMMENT:

This may refer to recent publicity that the Government intends to enforce the rule forbidding Government employees to participate in cases in which they took an interest while Government employees for a two-year period after leaving Government service.

ITEM VI.

Another prediction of things to come made by Pearson referred to Robert E. Lee, recently appointed member of the Federal Communications Commission. Pearson stated that Lee's name is mentioned in the report of the Senate Election Committee on the Butler-Tydings Senatorial Election in 1950, which report has been furnished to the Justice Department for action. Pearson predicted that Democratic Senators would consider it a personal affront for the President to appoint a man whose name is mentioned in a report which the Justice Department has under consideration, and that these Senators would battle against Lee's confirmation next January.

COMMENT:

Robert E. Lee is a former Bureau agent. Lee was employed by the Bureau from January 1938 to June 28, 1946. Lee and his wife, Wilma, testified before the Senate Committee investigating the Maryland Election of 1950. Mrs. Lee testified she headed up a volunteer group mailing out thousands of postcards favoring Senator Butler. She was questioned concerning \$6,000 which she received to cover expenses of this project. Testimony does not indicate any improper activities on the part of either Lee or his wife.

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ROBERT E. LEE NAMED TO FCC BY PRESIDENT

D.C. Republican Will Complete Board

By Associated Press

President Eisenhower Tuesday chose Robert E. Lee, District Republican, to be a member of the federal communications commission.

Upon Senate confirmation, Lee's appointment will round out the full membership of the seven-man commission and give Republicans a 4-3 majority.

Lee, 41, will replace Paul A. Walker, Oklahoma Democrat, whose term expired July 1. The terms run for seven years.

Lee now is director of surveys and investigations on the House appropriations committee. He was with the federal bureau of investigation for eight years ending in 1946, as special agent in several cities and finally as administrative assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in charge of fiscal matters. During the war he supervised the FBI's national recruiting drive.

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Mr. Robert E. Lee
3147 Westover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of
October 8, 1953.

I am indeed happy to know that our representa-
tives were able to be of assistance to you. You may be
sure that it was a pleasure for them to be of service
and that they will deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness
in writing.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us when-
ever we can cooperate with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Legal Attache (with copy of incoming).
London, England

cc - Foreign Liaison Desk, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Robert E. Lee Eod as SA 1-10-38. Last assignment
Administrative Division, GS-13. Resigned 6-28-46.
He is now on FCC. Salutation per some prior personal letters,
~~one~~ of them dated 10-7-53.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 8, 1953

Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On a recent investigation in London, England, we had occasion to contact your liaison office and I thought you would like to know that they were most helpful in arranging some interviews at Scotland Yard. It is our opinion that you are ably represented in London.

Sincerely,

/s/ R. E. Lee

Robert E. Lee, Director
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November 20, 1953

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of November 10, 1953, requesting information regarding Mr. Robert E. Lee.

In reply, please be advised Mr. Lee entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 10, 1953, as a Special Agent. Following a period of training he performed investigative and accounting duties in various offices of this Bureau and served in a supervisory capacity at the Seat of Government. Mr. Lee submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business June 20, 1946, to accept another position. His services were satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, Mr. Robert E. Lee was appointed on October 7, 1953, as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. This appointment will come before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the Senate in January for confirmation. I am a member of that Committee.

It is my understanding that Mr. Lee was in your Bureau for several years. I would appreciate it if you might inform me of the date he was employed by the Bureau, the date he was removed from your rolls, and his employment record while at the Bureau.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Harrison

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McCarthy Friend Faces Challenge of F. C. C. Job

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Some Democratic Senators are preparing to question President Eisenhower's appointment of Robert M. Lee, friend of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R., Wis., as a member of the Federal Communications Commission when Congress returns in January.

Mr. Lee, a Washington Republican who has been serving as director of surveys and investigations for the House Appropriations Committee, recently was named by Gen. Eisenhower to replace F. C. C. Chairman Paul Walker, an Oklahoma Democrat.

The appointment gives Republicans 4-3 control of the commission but Democrats who may oppose Mr. Lee's confirmation say they have no objection on that score. Instead, they apparently intend to question his connection with the 1950 Maryland Senatorial campaign.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D.,

Okla., former chairman of the Elections subcommittee, which criticized that campaign as a "despicable, back street type," said in an interview that he thinks Mr. Lee's part in it would bear further looking into.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. announced on Friday that the Justice Department had found no evidence of Federal fraud or election law violations by Sen. McCarthy in the Maryland campaign or in the handling of his finances subsequently investigated by another elections subcommittee.

Sen. McCarthy backed Sen. John Marshall Butler, Republican, who defeated Democratic Sen. Milford Tydings.

Sen. Monroney protested that Mr. Brownell thus was "giving a clean bill to all the ugly features of one of the dirtiest political campaigns in recent history." He mentioned Mr. Lee

as being involved in the handling of contributions which the subcommittee said never were reported to the appropriate authorities in Maryland.

Mr. Lee testified in the subcommittee's hearings that he had received a \$5,000 check made out to the Butler campaign organization from Alvin M. Bentley, now a Republican Representative from Michigan, in "a very casual meeting" with Mr. Bentley in Sen. McCarthy's office.

He said he took the check to Jon Jonkel, Mr. Butler's campaign manager in Baltimore, who handed it over to Mr. Lee's wife. Mr. Lee said most of the money was used to pay for and mail out campaign literature bearing Mr. Butler's picture.

The subcommittee said in its report that only after it began public hearings did Sen. Butler file with it a statement showing that the \$5,000 Bentley contribution was part of \$17,000 previously reported.

Mr. Lee told a reporter today he thought there was nothing irregular about his acceptance of the Bentley check.

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Democratic Senators Oppose Appointment of Lee to FCC

By Jack Bell
Associated Press Reporter

Some Democratic Senators are preparing to question President Eisenhower's appointment of Robert Lee, friend of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), as a member of the Federal Communications Commission when Congress returns in January.

Lee, a Washington Republican who has been serving as director of surveys and investigations for the House Appropriations Committee, recently was named by Mr. Eisenhower to replace FCC Chairman Paul Walker, an Oklahoma Democrat.

The appointment gives Republicans 4 to 3 control of the FCC but Democrats who may oppose Lee's confirmation say they have no objection on that score. Instead, they apparently intend to question his connection with the 1950 Maryland senatorial campaign.

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Lee testified in the subcommittee's hearings that he had received a \$5000 check made out to the Butler campaign organization from Allen M. Bentley, now a Republican Congressman from Michigan, in "a very casual meeting" with Bentley in McCarthy's office.

He said he took the check to Jon Jemiel, Butler's campaign manager in Baltimore, who indorsed it over to Lee's wife. Lee said most of the money was used to purchase and mail out campaign postcards bearing Butler's picture.

The subcommittee said in its report that only after it began public hearing did Butler file with it a statement showing that the \$5000 Bentley contribution was part of \$27,100 not previously reported.

"This additional sum, not previously reported, was never filed with or reported appropriate authority in the State of Maryland," the committee said.

Lee told a reporter yesterday he thought there was nothing irregular about his acceptance of the Bentley check.

"It apparently was not reported to the proper Maryland authorities as a contribution but

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I don't see how I could help that," he said. "I had no responsibility for reporting it."

Lee said he did not think Democratic opposition to his appointment would be serious.

Lee, a former administrative assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, told the committee that while he was a District of Columbia resident, he had wanted to help elect Republican Senators and had volunteered his services on a part-time basis in the Maryland campaign.

Under usual Senate procedure, Lee's appointment to the FCC will be sent to the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, of which Monroney is a member.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic Leader, also is a member of the committee. There has been no indication yet whether the Democrats will make a party issue of the Lee nomination. If they do, confirmation would be extremely doubtful, since they now outnumber the Republicans 48 to 47.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: November 20, 1953

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
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 Resigned 6-28-46
 Former Special Agent
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By letter dated November 16, 1953, received November 17, 1953, Senator Mike Monroney (D - Oklahoma) pointed out that Lee was appointed October 7, 1953, as a member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which appointment will come before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the Senate January, 1954, for confirmation. Monroney is a member of that Committee, and he requests Lee's service record. An appropriate letter to Monroney is attached for approval.

Reference is made to the attached memorandum dated August 28, 1953, which summarizes Lee's Bureau service record pointing out that his services were satisfactory and that nothing derogatory was known concerning his character or integrity when he was employed by the Bureau as a Special Agent.

The following information was received subsequent to the preparation of the attached referred to memorandum. The Washington Post's October 7, 1953, issue sets forth Lee's appointment to FCC. Therein, Lee is described as a close friend of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. The Director wrote on October 7, 1953, congratulating Lee on his appointment to this position.

Drew Pearson's broadcast, October 11, 1953, contained the prediction that Democratic Senators would probably battle against Lee's confirmation to the FCC job and consider it a personal affront to appoint Lee to this position when his name is contained in a report of investigation of the 1950 Maryland Senatorial campaign involving Senators Tydings and Butler, which investigation the Justice Department has under consideration. Pearson pointed out that the Statute of Limitations would expire in thirty days. Pearson said that Senators Heddings of Minnesota and Monroney of Oklahoma wanted to know what the Justice Department planned with respect to the charges of corruption concerning the afore-mentioned campaign. *1940-91-156*

The Washington Post's October 19, 1953, issue contained an article reflecting that Democratic Senators oppose Lee's appointment to FCC. The article quotes Senator Monroney as saying he thinks Lee's part in the 1950 Maryland Senatorial campaign bore further light into. The article also said the Attorney General advised no evidence on

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of Federal fraud or election law violations by McCarthy was found in the campaign or in the handling of finances. Monroney protested that the Attorney General was giving a clean bill to the ugly features of one of the dirtiest political campaigns in recent history and mentioned Lee as being involved in the handling of contributions which the Subcommittee said never were reported to appropriate Maryland authorities. The article said that Lee's testimony during the Subcommittee hearings reflected he received a \$5000 check made out to the Butler campaign organization from Alvin M. Bentley. Lee took the check to Jon Jonkel, Butler's campaign manager in Baltimore, who endorsed it over to Lee's wife. Most of the money was used to cover costs to address and mail campaign postcards bearing Butler's picture. Lee advised a reporter there was nothing irregular about his acceptance of the check and that he had no responsibility for reporting it to the proper Maryland authorities as a contribution. The article pointed out there has been no indication yet whether the Democrats will make a party issue of Lee's nomination and if they do, confirmation would be extremely doubtful since they outnumber the Republicans 48 to 47.

CONCLUSIONS

The receipt of Senator Monroney's inquiry reflects that he might be looking for ammunition to use against Lee at the time his confirmation comes up in January, 1954. As pointed out above Lee's services were satisfactory as a Bureau Agent and the letter sets forth his duties, position, the fact that he voluntarily resigned to accept another position and comments favorably concerning his services, character and integrity.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter to Senator Mike Monroney be approved.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*DATE: December 4, 1953 *[initials]*FROM : M. A. Jones *[initials]*SUBJECT: *0*
ROBERT EMMET LEE
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
MEMBER, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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SYNOPSIS:

October 12, 1953, edition "Broadcasting - Telecasting" carried two articles concerning Lee's recent appointment to FCC. Mr. Nichols requested articles be clipped and reviewed. One article states that Lee's Presidential appointment effective October 12, 1953. Lee described as Republican, friend of Senator McCarthy, former administrative assistant to Director and public relations representative of FBI. Chief support for FCC position came from top Republican leaders. Active with McCarthy in 1950 Butler-Tydings campaign in Maryland. Editorial indicates opposition may be expected in connection with Senate confirmation of Lee due to his association with McCarthy. Bufiles reflect Lee became Special Agent January 10, 1938; resigned June 28, 1946, as Chief clerk of FBI, to take job with House Appropriations Committee. Excellent record with FBI. Lee has maintained cordial relations with Director and other Bureau officials since resignation.

RECOMMENDATION:None. For information. *[initials]*Attachment *[initials]*

cc - Mr. Nichols

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

December 4, 1953

PURPOSE:

Mr. Nichols requested that the articles concerning the appointment of Lee to FCC, which appeared in the October 12, 1953, edition of "Broadcasting-Telecasting," be clipped and reviewed, and that the high spots be noted in a cover memorandum.

DETAILS:

The October 12, 1953, issue of the publication, "Broadcasting-Telecasting," self-described as "The Newsweekly of Radio and TV," carried an article on page 52 dealing with President Eisenhower's surprise appointment of Robert E. Lee, former FBI Special Agent, as one of the seven Federal Communications Commissioners.

According to the article, Lee is a Republican, is 41, spent nearly a decade with the FBI, had been prominently mentioned for the post of Assistant Comptroller General of the U. S., was director of surveys and investigations for the House Committee on Appropriations. His appointment, which calls for a salary of \$15,000 a year, became effective on Monday October 12, 1953, and his commission was signed by the President on the previous Tuesday, October 6th.

The article indicated that chief support for a high government post for Lee came from chairman John Taber (R-N.Y.), House Appropriations Committee members from both parties, Vice President Nixon and other top Republican leaders. Lee was described as a close friend of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and as being active with him in the 1950 campaign on behalf of Senator John M. Butler (R-Md.) who defeated former Senator Tydings. Mrs. Lee was described as being active in Republican politics.

The article also stated that after Lee became a Special Agent in 1938, the Director in 1941 made him administrative assistant with the job of building up the FBI staff to meet the threat of war, and that he doubled as a public relations representative, making over 200 speeches describing FBI's work.

The same publication carried an editorial on Lee on page 138 which points out that the nomination will be subject to Senate confirmation; and, because of Lee's friendship and political association with Senator McCarthy, there probably will be some Senators, notably Democrats, who will want to ask questions.

The above-mentioned articles concerning Lee have been clipped and are attached.

Memo to Mr. Nichols

December 4, 1953

Bureau files reflect that Lee entered on duty as a Special Agent-Accountant on January 10, 1938. In June, 1946, he was assigned to work with the House Appropriations Committee. By letter dated January 31, 1947 he submitted his letter of resignation to take a job with the above committee. His resignation was effective June 28, 1946, his last day of active duty with the FBI. At the time of his resignation he held the position of Chief Clerk of the FBI, and his record with this Bureau was excellent.

While assigned to the SOG, Lee handled the procurement of personnel for the Bureau during the early 1940's and was credited with having done an outstanding job. While assigned to the chief clerk's office, he was responsible for the installation of the IBM system which materially reduced man hours of work in preparing payrolls.

Since leaving the Bureau, Lee has generally exhibited a most cooperative attitude toward the Bureau; and in numerous contacts which he has had with the Director and other Bureau officials, he has continually expressed every desire to be of assistance to the Bureau. He has on occasions furnished the Bureau with helpful information. (67-106570)

EISENHOWER SURPRISES FCC, NAMES LEE AS COMMISSIONER

Months-long speculation over who would get the last vacancy came to a rapid finish last Tuesday with the appointment of darkhorse Robert E. Lee. The former FBI agent and auditor nosed out Robert Dean of KOTA for the job.

COMR. ROBERT E. LEE, an Irish Catholic with a Confederate name, goes to work full time today (Monday) as the newest member of the FCC, bringing its membership up to seven for the first time since June 30.

Comr. Lee was sworn in Tuesday noon as a recess appointee three hours after President Eisenhower had signed his commission. He will work without pay until the Senate can confirm a formal nomination when it meets again in January. Restoration of back pay would come with confirmation.

Appointment of Mr. Lee, director of surveys and investigations for the House Committee on Appropriations, is for a seven-year term. He succeeds Comr. Paul A. Walker, who left the Commission last June 30 after serving a score of years including a period as chairman.

The new appointee, aged 41, has been an auditor and investigator since the early 30s, including nearly a decade with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He had been prominently mentioned for another post, Assistant Comptroller General of the U. S.

Several months of rumors and political maneuvering wound up Tuesday when Mr. Lee's appointment was announced. A dozen

or more candidates for the FCC post had been involved, with the list narrowing down to one name—Robert J. Dean, KOTA Rapid City, S. D. At one time last July word had gone out that the Dean nomination had left the White House and was enroute to Capitol Hill, but apparently it was called back for reconsideration.

FCC now includes four Republicans (Chairman Hyde, Doerfer, Sterling, Lee), two Democrats (Bartley, Hennock) and one independent (Webster).

Comr. Lee was sworn in by Chief Judge Harold M. Stephens of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. After informal greetings from FCC members and staff executives the new Commissioner returned

to his House office for the day. He took part in the Commission meeting Wednesday morning but spent most of the remaining time last week clearing up his committee work, reporting on an inspection trip in Europe and aiding in selection of a successor.

Comr. Lee told B&T he "knows a lot about the FCC but not much about the industries it regulates." His familiarity with the Commission arises from work at the Appropriations Committee, where intensive investigations are made into the budgets for all federal agencies.

"I'll be doing a lot of homework for the next few months," he added. He refused to answer questions about his views on regulation of radio and tv, indicating he wants to become more familiar with the electronic field before commenting.

First indication Comr. Lee had that he was being considered for the FCC vacancy came in September the day before he left for Europe on an inspection trip of foreign aid activities for the House Appropriations Committee. At that time he was one of two proposed appointees for the vacant post of Assistant Comptroller General. The other candidate was Frank H. Weitzel, a 25-year career man at General Accounting Office. Mr. Weitzel's appointment was announced Wednesday by the

President. The GAO post is nonpartisan and carries a \$15,000 salary for a 15-year term.

With his chief support for a high government post coming from Chairman John Taber (R-N. Y.), chairman of the House committee, and from committee members of both parties and Republican leaders, Mr. Lee's candidacy developed strong support in the last fortnight. Top party figures endorsed him including, it was indicated, Vice President Nixon.

While in Europe Sept. 26 the new Commissioner was directed to return to this country and report to the White House. He reported to Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, Oct. 1, and was at the White House the rest of that week.

Last Tuesday morning he was called to the

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JUDGE Stephens administers the oath to new FCC Comr. Lee as Comr. Bartley holds the Bible.

White House for a 9 o'clock appointment, at which time President Eisenhower signed the FCC commission. It is understood the President congratulated the new commissioner, commenting briefly that he was interested in the Commission's work and considered the appointee a strong executive with a notable government record.

Speculation arose that Comr. Lee was a "McCarthy man" but he told B•T he was certain Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), a close friend now honeymooning after his wedding Sept. 29, knew nothing at all about the pending appointment. He said he and Mrs. Lee had known Sen. McCarthy and his bride many years. Mrs. Lee was matron of honor at the McCarthy wedding [CLOSED CIRCUIT, Oct. 5].

Comr. and Mrs. Lee were active with Sen. McCarthy in the 1950 campaign on behalf of Sen. John M. Butler (R-Md.) who defeated former Sen. Millard Tydings. Mrs. Lee continues active in Republican politics as a member of the Republican State Committee, District of Columbia. She is assisting in planning the Oct. 12 luncheon to be tendered Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower by D. C. Republican women.

Lives in D.C.

The Lees live in a modest house at 3147 Westover Drive in Southeast Washington. Their friends include many persons high in official Washington.

Comr. Lee jokingly said he will have to draw heavily on his professional budget experience for the next few months if he cannot draw a pay check until the Senate acts. At the committee he was paid \$11,500, it was understood. His FCC salary is \$15,000. He said he owns only one share of stock.

The Lees have three children—Pat, 15, a student at Holy Cross Academy; Robert Jr., 14, St. Johns College (high school) and Michael, 8, St. Francis Xavier school. Comr. Lee is a member of St. Francis Xavier parish in southeast Washington and is active in church affairs.

The newest Commissioner is a genial, dark-complexioned man. He handles himself easily and hides his thoughts behind a persistent smile. In his FBI and government career he has been involved in countless important functions as a behind-the-scenes participant.

He meets people easily and informally. Without too much persuasion he will entertain a social gathering with a fairly extensive repertoire of Irish songs supplemented by what he insists are authentic versions of Irish jigs.

Son of an Irish foot patrolman, Robert Emmett Lee was born and reared in Chicago. He attended De Paul Academy and received a degree in accounting from De Paul University besides studying at Chicago College of Commerce and Law. While going to college he worked as a drug clerk and auditor to finance his schooling.

Having had auditing experience at Chicago hotels, his first post-college job led him to St. Louis as auditor, at the Roosevelt Hotel. In 1935 he returned to Chicago as auditor for American Bond & Mortgage Co. Bondholders Protective Committee 1935-38. This committee was created by law to handle defunct properties of that company and involved reorganization of some 70 properties including hotels, hospitals and office buildings.

In 1936 he married Wilma Rector, who was taking a nurse's training course at a Chicago hospital.

Next step in his career came in 1938 when

Jurist Praises FCC

JUDGE Harold M. Stephens of the U. S. Court of Appeals, D. C., followed through with an informal talk on FCC-appellate court relations after swearing in Comr. Robert E. Lee Tuesday noon. Judge Stephens said:

"This is the third or fourth time I have sworn in a Commissioner of the FCC. I am proud that we have jurisdiction over the FCC and proud of the way it responds to the way we elucidate the law."

he joined the FBI as a special agent. After a Washington training course he was assigned to financial investigations, involving examination of accounts of many corporations in connection with antitrust laws.

At FBI he attracted the attention of Director J. Edgar Hoover and in 1941 Mr. Hoover named him administrative assistant with the job of building up the FBI staff to meet the threat of war. This involved a nationwide drive to recruit agents who would perform in a critical role during this period of the nation's history.

Later he was made chief clerk of the FBI in charge of all fiscal matters. He installed the first complete machine accounting system in government, evaluated the bureau's administrative functions and conducted surveys of other federal agencies at the request of various Cabinet officers. Doubling as a public relations representative, he made over 200 speeches describing FBI's work.

This FBI record had attracted attention on Capitol Hill and in 1945 he was put on loan to the House Appropriations Committee to head a staff of specialists conducting studies of efficiency in government offices. He carried a strong recommendation from Director Hoover and soon developed a wide acquaintance on the Hill.

Left FBI in 1947

He resigned from the FBI in 1947 to take over the House committee's survey and investigation activities.

Some months ago Comr. Lee served several times as guest moderator of the tv *Facts Forum*, sponsored by Texas oilman H. L. Hunt and others. The program has been described as a conservative political production but Comr. Lee contended it is impartial and "clean as a hound's tooth." He said his role was to help the tv version of the program get under way.

Comr. Lee is a tv viewer. The Lees' set is in the basement since he subscribes to the doctrine that television receivers are also fine baby-sitters.

Robert E. Lee of the FCC

THE "practical broadcaster" the administration said it wanted for the FCC turns out to be a G-Man with a flair for figures.

Robert E. (Emmitt) Lee was named by President Eisenhower to fill the remaining Commission vacancy last Tuesday morning. At noon he assumed office. And before the day ended he became a controversial figure, because of his friendship and political association with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R.-Wis.).

Mr. Lee is an affable young man of 41, with both accounting and legal background. He is held in esteem by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and others with whom he has worked. He had the backing of Chairman John Taber of New York, and other Republican members of the tough House Appropriations Committee.

The Lee appointment followed closely the pattern set when John C. Doerfer, Wisconsin Republican, was named to the FCC earlier this year. Mr. Lee was seeking appointment as deputy comptroller general, a position for which he presumably was fitted because of his accounting and management background. His own Senator, Everett Dirksen of Illinois, had endorsed him for that post—not for the FCC.

Mr. Doerfer had been endorsed for the Federal Power Commission for which he appeared eminently qualified by virtue of his past service as Chairman of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. He also had an accounting-law background.

But somewhere between the Republican National Committee and the White House things happened. There were several candidates for the two FCC vacancies. Charles Garland, manager of KOOL Phoenix, had assurances he would receive one appointment. (Sen. Dirksen, among others, supported him.) When Mr. Garland lost out to Mr. Doerfer, there were further assurances from high places that he would get the second vacancy.

Mr. Garland subsequently was finessed out of the Commissioner-ship and offered the secretaryship, which he promptly turned down. The way was cleared for Robert J. Dean, president of KOTA Rapid City, for appointment to the Paul A. Walker vacancy. The Republican Committee confirmed without qualification the report that



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"Comr. Lee says he doesn't want anything to do with any 'grant.'"

Mr. Dean would be named as that "practical broadcaster" the administration wanted.

For weeks Mr. Dean awaited the call that never came from the White House. He had arranged to sell his 55% stock in the station.

Now Mr. Lee's appointment. The columnists and the political writers began to sniff. "Is this another McCarthy appointment?" Mr. Lee avers that while he's a good friend of the free-swinging Senator, he thought his appointment would be "news to him."

Why the President is loath to appoint someone with broadcast experience isn't publicly revealed. But Presidential Assistant Adams has inferred to some of the candidates themselves that a practical broadcaster, with friends among stations and networks, might "embarrass" the administration. To those without communication experience, the story has been that the President wanted an "outstanding broadcaster."

Mr. Lee has an interim appointment. He serves without pay until Congress convenes in January. At that time a bill will be offered to compensate him for back-pay at the rate of \$15,000 per year. And at that time President Eisenhower will formally nominate him for the seven-year term which began last June 30.

The nomination will be subject to Senate confirmation. We gather there will be those, notably Democrats, who will want to ask questions. The McCarthy connection alone augers that.

For our part, we'll watch and wait.

: D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON BROADCAST
JANUARY 3, 1954

The following items of possible interest to the Bureau were mentioned on Drew Pearson's transcribed broadcast of January 3, 1954.

ITEM:

Senate Democrats will hold an important caucus next week to decide on blocking the confirmation of Robert E. Lee, Senator McCarthy's man, on the Federal Communications Commission.

COMMENT:

In a previous broadcast on October 11, 1953, Pearson referred to Robert E. Lee's recent appointment as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Pearson at that time stated Lee's name was mentioned in the report of the Senate Election Committee on the Butler-Tydings Senatorial Election in 1950, which report was furnished to the Justice Department for action. Pearson had predicted that Democratic Senators would consider it a personal affront for the President to appoint a man whose name was mentioned in a report which the Justice Department had under consideration and that these Senators would battle against Lee's confirmation in January.

Robert E. Lee, a former Bureau Agent, was employed by the Bureau from January 10, 1938, to June 28, 1946. Lee and his wife Wilma testified before the Senate Committee Investigating the Maryland Election of 1950. Mrs. Lee testified she headed a volunteer group mailing out thousands of postcards favoring Senator Butler. She was questioned concerning \$6,000 which she received to cover expenses of this project. Testimony did not indicate any improper activities on the part of either Lee or his wife.

ITEM:

White House, exclusive: President Eisenhower is considering a proposal to invite Harry Truman to sit on the powerful National Security Council which fixes American policy for peace or war. Eisenhower feels it would be helpful to have the benefit of Truman's experience. It would also bring more Democratic support for his administration and show that Ike disagrees with Attorney General [unclear].

cc - Mr. Rosen

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Brownell regarding Truman's loyalty. However, Truman would not be given a vote on policy decisions. He would serve only as advisor.

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

ITEM:

Pearson: What happened to the mysterious \$300,000 paid in the Greenlease kidnapping? I predict it will develop that most of this money was sold to the Purple Gang in Detroit for 25 cents on the dollar. I'm not predicting yet what persons might have sold the money to the Purple Gang.

COMMENT:

According to the Kidnapping Desk, investigation in this matter is still in progress. Consideration has been given to the possibility of these funds getting into the hands of hoodlums and racketeers, extensive coverage of which is being made various cities, including Detroit. Our investigation to date has not come up with any material to substantiate the foregoing allegation.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 14, 1953

Former Special Agent Harris Huston,
of the House Appropriations Com-
mittee, called and stated that he had
taken former Agent Robert Lee's
position with the Appropriations
Committee. Former Agent Huston
is most desirous of seeing you in the
next day or so, if your schedule would
permit.

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I advised Mr. Huston that I would check and let
him know whether or not you would be able to see
him.

A brief of his file has been requested.

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Mr. [Signature]

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On December 15, 1953, I saw former Special Agent Harris Huston who is now taking over the duties formerly performed by former Special Agent Robert E. Lee of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. We discussed generally matters pertaining to appropriations and I outlined in a general way to Mr. Huston my recent appearance before the House Committee on Appropriations.

Very truly yours,

J E H
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: March 22, 1954

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
FOR SAMPLE COPIES OF PERFORMANCE RATINGS

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Mr. Robert Cleland, Personnel Office, Federal Communications Commission, telephonically contacted SA William S. Hyde on March 19, 1954, relative to the following matter:

Mr. Cleland advised that Robert E. Lee, former special agent and now a commissioner in the Federal Communications Commission, had reviewed the present set up relative to performance rating forms utilized in the FCC, and felt that they were very inadequate. Mr. Lee, according to Mr. Cleland, felt that this Bureau had a complete and effective system relative to performance ratings and he requested that Mr. Cleland contact the Bureau in order to see if sample forms could be furnished the FCC for their use in compiling a new form.

Mr. Lee specifically told Mr. Cleland that the Bureau utilizes a check sheet relative to specific factors to be considered, and, in addition, very frequently had narrative comments concerning work performance. Mr. Cleland stated that at this time the FCC simply has a box set up of Outstanding, Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory with no additional comments. Mr. Cleland specifically requested that the Bureau furnish such blank performance ratings as the Bureau felt might be of assistance to the FCC in improving the FCC's form. Mr. Cleland was advised that he would be contacted at a later date concerning this matter.

Inasmuch as the Bureau's performance rating forms have been submitted to the Civil Service Commission and cannot be considered as a restricted item, it is felt that the clerical performance rating form should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission. It is not felt that the Special Agent performance rating form should be sent inasmuch as the check sheet on this form is for a highly specialized position and it is not believed that any such position would exist at the FCC.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter be directed to Mr. Robert E. Lee, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, advising him that a sample copy of the clerical performance rating form is being enclosed for his utilization.

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I am prepared to let
them prepare their
own forms

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Robert E. Lee, Ex-Investigator, Too Busy to Talk of FCC Post

New Commissioner
Named by President;
McCarthy Associate

Robert E. Lee, former House Appropriations Committee investigator and FBI man, was hard at work today as a member of the Federal Communications Commission, too busy to talk to reporters about his qualifications for his new job.

Mr. Lee was sworn in yesterday, a few hours after his interim appointment—still subject to Senate confirmation—had been announced at the White House. President Eisenhower's reasons for choosing the 41-year-old Washingtonian became an immediate subject of speculation in business and political circles.

Politically, Mr. Lee is a close friend and associate of Senator McCarthy, Republican, of Wisconsin. Mrs. Lee was Mrs. McCarthy's matron of honor at the Senator's recent wedding. In 1950, the Lees and Senator McCarthy helped John Marshall Butler unseat Millard Tydings in a widely disputed senatorial campaign in Maryland.

Professionally, Mr. Lee hitherto has had little to do with radio and television broadcasting—which is the province of FCC. His only direct association with the broadcasting business, so far as could be learned, has been three appearances as guest moderator on a program called "Facts Forum." Senator McCarthy participated in one of these programs with him. The White House had no im-



—AP Photo.

ROBERT E. LEE.

mediate comment as to the reason for Mr. Lee's selection, which brings the FCC lineup to four Republicans and three Democrats.

A native of Chicago, the new appointee was graduated from Depauw University in 1933 and worked as an auditor for Midwest hotels before joining the FBI four years later. He was an administrative assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover when he moved on to the Appropriations Committee in 1946. In 1949, the Cowles publications put him on a list of the 10 most promising young men working for the Government.

A Catholic, Mr. Lee is the father of three children. The family lives at 3147 Westover drive, S.E.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Ike Would Boost Age Pensions

By Drew Pearson

President Eisenhower definitely plans to move to the left in his forthcoming State of the Union Message by proposing a 20-cent increase in monthly payments to old-age pensioners.

The move could win Democratic support in Congress, but it is being a



Pearson

being a move which Carl Curtis of Wyoming and the United States House of Representatives

has not been worked out, but in general way the \$10 will be increased by deducting the tax from the salary. At present the pension is deducted from the salary up to \$3600 annually. Above \$3600 there is no deduction. It is now proposed to increase the \$3600 limit to \$4600 or \$4800. From this larger salary there could be payroll deductions, but not beyond.

The plan proposes to drop the \$3600 limit to \$4600 or \$4800. From this larger salary there could be payroll deductions, but not beyond.

Republicans in Congress are opposing that a \$10 in monthly old-age pensions is reminiscent of New Deal handouts in the sky days. But it is a move which could win Democratic support in Congress, but it is being a

McCarthy's Man Friday

Some of the advisers want the President to withdraw the name of McCarthy from the red-internal security committee.

Knockdown fight with the Democrats. The latter are sore over Lee's appointment after they had shown up his strange activities for Senator McCarthy in the Maryland election of 1950. They believe they can defeat Lee's confirmation in the Senate.

On the other hand, assistant to the President, Sherman Adams, thinks Ike has to go through with the Lee appointment even if it means the Democrats finally defeat his confirmation.

Adams confides that a deal was made—only he calls it by the more highfalutin' term of "quid pro quo." Anyway, the deal—or whatever you want to call it—was with Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and Congressman John Taber of New York, powerful chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. They wanted Lee, who was working with Taber's committee, appointed Comptroller General of the United States.

This is one of the most important posts in the entire United States Government. The appointment is for a 14-year term, nonremovable by the President, and it's the job of the Comptroller General to scrutinize all Government expenditures. He is the watchdog of the Treasury.

Senators Are Sore

The post is now held by able old Lindsay Warren of North Carolina, who has saved the taxpayers millions. Warren, not in good health, is not averse to resigning, but balked at the idea of seeing a McCarthy man, who had been under fire in a Senate investigation, take his place. He named his career assistant, able

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Frank Weitzel, to succeed him. "So, to appease Senator Bridges and Congressman Taber, the White House appointed Robert E. Lee to the Federal Communications Commission.

"It was a case where we thought he would be less dangerous over there," Adams explained to a friend.

However, Democratic Senators don't see why Lee has to be appointed to any post—unless qualified. And his chief qualifications to sit on a commission which hands out TV and Radio licenses worth millions is that he has been a producer on the McCarthy-Hunt TV program "Facts Forum."

Lee also handled a check for \$5000 in the McCarthy campaign against Senator Tydings and used the money to mail 300,000 postcards to Maryland voters. He did not, however, properly record the check, which came from Congressman Alvin Bentley of Michigan, and a Senate committee focused such severe attention on various campaign operations that a Maryland court convicted Jon Jonkel, campaign manager for GOP Senator Butler.

Attorney General Brownell, on the other hand, let the statute of limitations run on any Federal statutes that might have been violated. Instead, Lee was promoted to the Federal Communications Commission.

Democratic senators believe this is an excellent chance to test their strength on an issue where the facts are clear-cut, and where public opinion will be strongly in their favor.

Under the Dome

Senate Democrats will caucus on three issues as Congress convenes: Strategy on the confirmation fight against Lee; alleged illegal firing of postmasters with Civil Service status; and an increase in the number of Democrats on Senate committees, now that the Democrats have a majority in the Senate. . . . potent Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia can get his review of United States military strategy if he wants it. Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts, GOP chairman of the Armed Services Committee, has been blocking the review, but Russell has the votes if he wants to push his probe.

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Senate Approves Lee for FCC, 58-25; Monroney Assails 'Facts Forum' Link

By the Associated Press.

The Senate yesterday approved President Eisenhower's nomination of Robert E. Lee as a member of the Federal Communications Commission. The vote was 58-25.

Lee, a former FBI agent and investigator for the House Appropriations Committee and a friend of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), has been serving on the Commission since

last fall under a recess appointment.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.), leading the fight against Lee, said he felt the nominee lacked the background to be "a fighter for freedom of speech and the right of dissent." This should be a prime qualification for membership on an agency which regulates television and radio, the Oklahoman said.

Monroney also raised a question about Lee's service as moderator on three "Facts Forum" radio and TV shows. He said "Facts Forum" was financed by H. L. Hunt, wealthy Texas oil man, and actually was a "propaganda machine."

Lee was defended by Republican Senators John W. Bricker (Ohio) and Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) as able, honest and sincere.

Two Republicans — Sens. George D. Aiken of Vermont and Margaret Chase Smith of Maine — and Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) joined 22 Democrats in voting against the nomination.

Sen. Ralph Flanders (R-Vt.) announced he was against the nomination but had "paired" his vote with the absent Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) who if present would have voted for confirmation.

Monroney said the FCC's regulatory authority gives it "life or death power" over radio and TV stations. He said he wondered whether silence from the industry concerning Lee had its roots in "a sense of fear that this power might be

used for reprisal" against any who opposed Lee.

McCarthy said Lee had "a distinguished record" both as an FBI agent and as an employee of the House Appropriations Committee before getting the FCC nomination.

Monroney replied: "I doubt it would be good policy to turn over our FCC to the FBI." Nor, he said, would it seem a good idea to have the FCC composed of "FBI graduates."

"Nowhere in this speech will I attack his integrity, his honesty," Monroney said.

Monroney read into the record a series of Providence (R. I.) Journal stories entitled "Facts About Facts Forum."

He described "Facts Forum" as a series of radio and television broadcasts on various public questions financed by H. L. Hunt, Texas oil man, who Monroney said is sometimes called the richest man in the world.

Monroney said the program has obtained over one million dollars of "free time" over the airways as a nonpartisan public service program.

Actually, Monroney said, although it purports to give both sides of various issues it more often "gives two sides of the same side."

Monroney said Lee was the program's first moderator and had taken the job at the personal request of Hunt. The program started in June, 1951, he said, and now is aired over 222 radio and TV stations.

Monroney called "Facts Forum" the "largest and most

ambitious propaganda machine ever set up in this country."

He said Lee had testified he had been hired by Hunt not because Lee had experience as a moderator but because Lee was familiar with the issues the program broadcast.

Monroney said "Facts Forum" would enjoy a "very advantageous reception" from radio and TV stations throughout the country if Lee is confirmed for the FCC job. He asked whether the owners of radio and TV stations would say "no" now when asked if they wanted to broadcast the "Facts Forum" program.

"Every radio and TV station is under a life-or-death control" of the FCC, Monroney continued, arguing that Lee's past connection with "Facts Forum" would make the station owners "think twice" before they turned down the program.

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SENATE OKAYS LEE FOR FCC BY 58-25 VOTE

[By International News Service]

The Senate overrode sharp but scattered Democratic opposition Monday and confirmed President Eisenhower's appointment of Robert E. Lee as a federal communications commissioner. The vote was 58 to 25.

Sen. Monroney (D) of Oklahoma led the fight against confirmation and clashed with Sen. McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin.

Monroney asserted in Senate debate that Lee had been connected with what the senator labeled a "vast propaganda machine" and that he lacked the experience necessary for the FCC post.

Lehman Backs Him

Sen. Lehman (D) of New York backed Monroney and declared that "certainly out of the 30 million people who voted the Republican ticket in 1952, someone could have been found with better qualifications."

Sen. Dirksen (R) of Illinois urged confirmation "not only as a vote of confidence in Robert E. Lee but also in the President of the United States."

Monroney was joined by two Republicans — Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, and Sen. Aiken of Vermont — and 22 Democrats in voting against confirmation.

The Oklahoman said the "propaganda machine" was the radio-television program Facts Forum, which he declared was financed by H. L. Hunt, multimillionaire Texas oil man.

Challenged by McCarthy

McCarthy, a close personal friend of Lee, demanded to know whether Monroney had investigated the appointee's "honesty and integrity" as a former FBI agent and one-time staff employee of the House appropriations committee.

Monroney retorted: "I'm very glad the senator brought that up, because the junior senator from Oklahoma does not make a practice of reflecting on the honesty and integrity of people on the floor of the Senate or elsewhere."

This was an oblique reference to charges McCarthy has made against individuals who have come under his attack in his probes of Communists and Red sympathizers.

Monroney said he was sure that "only a corporal's guard" of senators would fight Lee's confirmation as an FCC member.

But, he declared, Lee's association with this vast propaganda machine financed by tax exempt dollars raises a big question.

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Anti-Communist Fighter

Nomination of Robert E. Lee, former administrative assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, to the Federal Communications Commission, has been favorably reported out of the Senate interstate commerce committee by a 7 to 1 vote, and there should be no obstacle to his confirmation by the Senate.

But vigorous anti-communists of Mr. Lee's qualifications can meet some unexpected obstacles on a confirmation vote. For the record we will state the source of opposition to his appointment.

He was not only a former FBI administrative assistant but also was director of the State Department loyalty probe conducted by the House appropriations committee in 1947. The "fuzzy" liberals and the communists and fellow travelers are against him for that reason. They have in the past shown an astonishing skill in setting up phony issues to block appointments of their foes.

The Federal Communications Commission deals with an enormously important segment of the communications industry with its supervision of radio, television and other communication media. Communication happens to be the area where the communist conspiracy centres its efforts to capture the minds of unwary men. Mr. Lee is needed on FCC. He is an anti-communist fighter.

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Embarrassing Bedfellows

The Communist Party has for years wanted a radio station. Through it, filth and viciousness could be spread broadcast throughout the nation, perhaps even more effectively than through the columns of the Daily Worker. Even we admit, however reluctantly, that the Hitlerian technique followed so faithfully by the Daily Worker has been extremely effective. Tell the same lie long enough, often enough, in enough different ways and a percentage of people will believe it, especially if it is a big enough lie in the first place.

While Robert E. Lee is a member of the Federal Communications Commission, the Communist Party would have about as much chance of getting a radio station as the proverbial snowball. When his appointment by President Eisenhower came up before the Senate for confirmation on Tuesday last, the Communist press, the bleeding hearts, the friends, sympathizers, and supporters of the Russian type of "freedom," howled and bayed their objections, the most important of which was that Mr. Lee had been moderator of broadcasts on a program called "Facts Forum."

The fact actually is that Mr. Lee appeared as moderator on only three debates: one between Senators Magnusson and McCarthy; one between Senators Kefauver and Bricker; and one between Senator Ellender and Congressman Phillips. We respectfully submit that none of those gentlemen need either a crutch, a seeing-eye dog, or the yappings of the Communist or pro-Communist press to assist him in taking care of himself.

Six New England Senators were against Robert E. Lee, who is not only a former FBI agent, but held the high office of Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover. They were:

Kennedy	(Dem. Massachusetts)
Smith	(Rep. Maine)
Alken	(Rep. Vermont)
Pastore	(Dem. Rhode Island)
Green	(Dem. Rhode Island)
[Flanders	(Rep. Vermont) was
	paired against.]

It is not surprising to find Senator Alken of Vermont voting a course approved by the pro-Communist press. The rest of our distinguished New England Senators certainly seem to have acquired strange bedfellows. We cannot but observe that people who do exactly that, sometimes find it embarrassing of explanation.

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Editorial

By JOHN FOX

Robert E. Lee, who was nominated by President Eisenhower, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission, was confirmed as a member of that Commission yesterday by the Senate. The vote was 58-25. Five New England senators voted against Mr. Lee's confirmation. They were:

Kennedy (Dem. Massachusetts)
Smith (Rep. Maine)
Aiken (Rep. Vermont)
Pastore (Dem. Rhode Island)
Green (Dem. Rhode Island)
[Flanders (Rep. Vermont) was
paired against.]

These senators, who voted against Mr. Lee's confirmation, did so in all good conscience. There was much to be said against permitting such a dangerous man to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission, an agency which has jurisdiction over such vital parts of our national communications system as the Communist ridden Western Union, and R.C.A. companies. Here is Mr. Lee's dubious record.

He is a former F.B.I. agent, and everybody knows what a great threat to the freedom of the individual THAT organization is. Not only that, but he was Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, which makes him, if possible, worse. He was an investigator for the House Appropriations Committee, and was altogether too successful in exposing Communist influences hungry for Federal funds to further their traitorous purposes. He was moderator on three radio and TV shows, one of which the ultra radical Senator Mike Monroney (Dem. Okla.) said was a "propaganda machine." The "propaganda" which Mr. Lee promulgated was loyalty to the United States—the old fashioned kind.

For all of those sins, Mr. Lee may have been forgiven; but for one sin, the unpardonable one, there was no forgiveness. He is a friend of Senator McCarthy.

That Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine has long been friendly to the "International Set" of the Republican party is, of course, common knowledge. That being so, it is understandable that she should, almost as a matter of course, be opposed to anyone who is pro-McCarthy. Obviously, in that case, nothing else matters.

We don't know why Senator John F. Kennedy voted against the confirmation of Mr. Lee. Perhaps, once again, as in the case of the St. Lawrence Seaway, he was sacrificing the best interest of the people who elected him for the national interest, as he saw it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On October 21, 1954, I saw former Special Agent Robert E. Lee who is now a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Lee called merely to pay his respects and to discuss generally some of the problems which he has been facing in his new position with the Federal Communications Commission.

I assured Mr. Lee that this Bureau was desirous of extending the fullest cooperation in any matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable Robert E. Lee
3147 U--bayer Drive, Southeast
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Dear Bob:

I am indeed pleased to inform you
that an appointment to the position of Clerk
in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has
been tendered your daughter, Patricia Lee.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note: Robert E. Lee EOD as SA 1-10-18. Last
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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 67-106570
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Date: Nov 15, 1954

Subject: Robert (Bob) Lee*
(complete name Robert Emmet Lee)

Date Searched: 10/26/53

Found As: Robert Lee
Bob Lee

*All identical references on this subject marked "B" on search slip.

Also Searched As: R. Lee

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (SUBJECT B)

Name: Robert (Bob) Lee, complete name Robert Emmet Lee
Birth date: 3/21/12, Chicago, Illinois
Marital Status: Married Wilma Rector on 7/19/36 at St. Louis, Missouri
Children: [REDACTED] b6 b7C
Parents: Patrick and Delia Lee (deceased)
Brother: Edward, 100 W. Monroe, Chicago
Sisters: Sister Mary St. Cecelia, St. Louis, Missouri
Mrs. E.W.O'Connell, Chicago
Mrs. Eleanor Klauke, Chicago
Education: De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois, (majored in accounting) 1931-1934.
Residences: 1912-38, Chicago, Illinois
1938-39, Newark, New Jersey
1939-40, Chicago, Illinois
1940-45, Auburn Gardens, Alexandria, Virginia
1945, 2924 M Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.
1953, 3128 Westover Drive, S.E., Wash., D.C.
Employment: 1931-34, Night Auditor, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
1934-35, Ass't Auditor, Great Northern Hotel, Chicago
1935-36, Auditor, Roosevelt Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
1936-37, Auditor, American Bond and Management Co., Bondholders Protective Committee, Chicago
1937, Auditor, Down, Mohl and Company, Chicago, Illinois
1938-46, Special Agent, FBI
1946-53, House Appropriations Committee, U.S. Capitol
10/12/53, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
Organization Membership:
Society of Special Agents of FBI
Capitol Hill Club

Robert Emmet Lee was a FBI special agent for ten years, from 1938 to 1946. He resigned to take a position with the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriation Committee. He was with the committee until October 1953, when he was appointed a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission by President Eisenhower. His appointment was confirmed by the Senate in Jan. 1954.

On 11/27/46, James Kerr, in Bob Lee's office at the Capitol, requested information concerning John A. Breen, Boston Massachusetts, formerly chairman of the Boston Housing Authority. Kerr was advised that the Bureau had no record of having picked up Breen in 1944.

Bureau memo, 11/27/46
Re: "Inquiry from James Kerr"
66-3182-823
(84)

On 2/7/47, Robert Lee connected with the Appropriations Committee advised that an informant had given him information relative to the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for D.C. and also indicated that the FBI had made an investigation of that office. Lee wanted any information he could get that would enable him to determine the informant's reliability, as well as his purpose for furnishing the information. It was recommended that the highlights of the Bureau's investigation be given Lee on a confidential basis, which was followed by the written notation, "O.K.H"

An addendum, dated 2/13/47, to the above memo stated that on 2/12/47, Lee was furnished the information indicated above. Lee advised that he was going to make a general organizational and efficiency survey of the Recorder's Office.

Bureau memo, 2/7/47
Re: Not stated
62-81557-27
(18)

On 6/12/47, Congressman Dirksen, while discussing with Mr. Nichols, a suitable agent to investigate the Shura Lewis case, spoke very favorably of Bob Lee.

Bureau memo, 6/12/47
Re: Not stated
100-333625-160
(72)

On 6/24/47, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. Mandell, whose husbands worked with Robert Lee on the Hill, made a tour of the Bureau, and requested to meet the Director.

Director's Office
Telephone Room
Note, 6/24/47
94-2-23240
(40)

On 7/11/47, Congressman Dirksen advised that the Subcommittee (not identified) needed someone right away to investigate the Shura Lewis case. It was recommended that former Special Agent Robert Lee be suggested for the job.

Bureau memo, 7/11/47
Re: "Request from Congressman Dirksen-Shura Lewis Case"
100-333625-134
(18)

On 9/18/47 Bob Lee advised that Joe Martin was concerned that the employees on the Hill were not included under the President's loyalty program and was considering taking action so that they would be included. Lee requested that this information be treated as strictly confidential so that it would not be attributed to him.

Director's Office
Telephone Room Note,
9/18/47
62-82273-246
(72)

On 9/19/47, Bob Lee (House of Representatives Appropriations Committee) advised that his men were working at the State Department, which was reluctant in making files available using the excuse that an agreement had been made with the FBI not to make Bureau reports available to anyone. Lee preferred that the Bureau advise the State Department that the FBI had no objections to FBI reports being made available to Lee's investigators. Lee was advised that the Bureau had no agreement with the State Department so far as making reports available to a Congressional committee and that it was a matter entirely up to the State Department.

Bureau memo, 9/19/48
Re: Not given
62-39749-968
(72)

In October 1947, the New York and Washington Field Offices had been making inquiries concerning a trip made by [redacted] (a very close personal friend and business associate of John Porter Monroe) from Washington, D.C. to New York City supposedly in the company of [redacted] a former Bureau employee and at that time with Robert Lee "on the Hill."

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Bureau memo, 10/13/47
Re: "John Porter Monroe,
was; Fraud Against the
Government; Miscellaneous"
46-2304-726
(39)

On 10/2/47, Lee requested information for a friend of his, William J. White of Chicago, concerning the American Business Association, Inc., operated by former Special Agents Kirkpatrick and Bierley. It was recommended that Lee be furnished general background of Kirkpatrick and Bierley, and the interests they represent. The following written notation appeared on the memo: "OK. H. Lee was furnished information on 10/3/47."

Bureau memo, 10/2/47
Re: Not Stated
100-350512-73
(72)

In December 1947, Bob Lee and Carl Herbert were helping Oliver Winslow, a member of the Herbert Hoover Committee, to become acquainted with various government departments. Herbert, who was brought to Washington by the Republican leaders to oversee the efforts they were making to reduce government expenditures, was probably responsible for bringing to Washington the high-caliber personnel which was working with Bob Lee's group. Herbert held Lee in high esteem and through him it was believed Lee would have a good entree to the Hoover Committee.

Bureau memo, 12/12/47
Re: Not Stated
62-85564-1
(72)

On approximately 12/11/47, Bob Lee made available a copy of the preliminary hearings on the Treasury Department Appropriations Bill for 1949, in which he took an active part, as chief investigator for the Appropriations Committee. The hearings included a report by Lee based on the findings of Lee's men in the Boston office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, dated 12/3/47.

Director's Office
Telephone Room Note,
12/11/47
(with copy of Hearings
as enclosure)
62-10033-748
(72)

This reference was a summary of the activities of John Porter Monroe and his associates, one of whom was [redacted] obtained from [redacted] which contained the following information: Between 1/8/48 and 1/15/48, [redacted] who worked in Robert Lee's office (at the Capitol) obtained for [redacted] confidential information obtained by the House Appropriations Investigative Staff. On 1/15/48, Lee discussed with [redacted] an anonymous letter he had received concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and asked [redacted] to resign.

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Washington FO report, 2/25/48
Re: "John Porter Monroe, was; etal;
Fraud Against the Government; Miscellaneous"
46-10937-329
(39)

On approximately 1/16/48, the Washington FO advised that information obtained from a TESUR on John Porter Monroe revealed that [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] to Monroe, called Congressman's Taber's Office and talked to the secretary concerning Robert Lee's room number, address, telephone number, etc. Apparently on the same day, Bob Lee was advised of the above information. Lee commented that [redacted] wanted to see Lee to discuss [redacted] formerly employed by Lee. [redacted] stated that he didn't want her character besmirched through anonymous sources and that it was not true that she had accompanied him to New York on one occasion. Lee would see [redacted] but only in his (Lee's) own office.

Bureau memo, 1/16/48
Re: "John Porter Monroe;
Fraud Against the Government"
46-2304-851
(41,84)

This reference was a summary of the activities of John Porter Monroe and his associates, one of whom was [redacted] obtained from [redacted] which contained the following information: During the week ending 1/22/48, a [redacted] told an unidentified woman in Congressman John Taber's office at the Capitol that she was very anxious to get in touch with Robert E. Lee of the investigative staff of Taber's office. [redacted] wanted to write to Lee directly. She was given the address of Room 246, House Office Building.

On the same day, [redacted] told [redacted] (an employee in Lee's office) that he had contacted (Elmer) Irey in Florida "about this" (apparently an anonymous letter Lee received in regard to [redacted] and Irey was quite disturbed over it. [redacted] said there had been no "remarks" in (Lee's) office about the letter.

On 1/22/48, [redacted] arranged to see Bob Lee at 5:30 in Lee's office apparently about the letter Lee received concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

Washington FO report, 2/28/48
Re: "John Porter Monroe, was.
etal; Fraud Against the Government;
Miscellaneous"
46-10937-333
(85)

On 1/23/48, Bob Lee advised that [redacted] called at his office on the previous day. They discussed the anonymous letter Lee had received concerning [redacted] (formerly employed by Lee) and the allegation that there had been leaks from Lee's office. b6 b7C

Bureau memo, 1/23/48
Re: Not stated
46-2304-864
(84)

On 1/27/48, Bob Lee called concerning Dr. Lewis Levitzki Lorwin, staff economist, Office of International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, whom Congressman Taber was interested in. Lee was furnished orally with the general background of Lorwin.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 12/27/48
Re: "Dr. Lewis Levitzki
Lorwin"
65-29567-80
(73)

On 2/3/48, Bob Lee advised that Carl Dixon, a lobbyist for the National Association of Railroads stated that a Republican Representative (not identified) had remarked to Dixon that he should keep his eye on the FBI as there was going to be a blow-up since the FBI supposedly had been doing too much stooging for Tom Clark in connection with his political activities.

Bureau memo, 2/3/48
Re: Not Stated
62-86434-1
(73)

On 2/12/48, a brief examination of the galley proof of the State Department Appropriation Hearings Testimony was made in Bob Lee's Office. The hearings pertained in part to the 108 employees having unsavory backgrounds who were mentioned in the report Bob Lee prepared on the State Department

Bureau memo, 2/13/48
Re: Not given
62-39749-1110
(72)

On 1/2/48, Bob Lee advised that Dr. Julius Klein, whose organization in Washington had been commissioned to make a study of field installations of the various government agencies exclusive of War, Navy and the Post Office Department, had been in contact with him. The Hoover Committee was desirous of taking over Lee's staff entirely to assist them in their inquiries. Lee requested a brief outline of the Bureau's position on the question of assuming jurisdiction over matters now falling within the purview of other Federal investigative agencies. Lee remarked that he planned to cooperate with the Committee but would not work for it unless he was relieved of his responsibilities by the Appropriations Committee. It was recommended that the matter be discussed with Lee by Mr. Clegg.

On a routing slip attached to the above memo appeared a notation to the effect that Lee had been contacted between 1/7/48 and 2/14/48, numerous times to arrange to discuss the above mentioned matter before Lee indicated that the Commission was not then considering the centralizing of investigations in a single federal agency.

Bureau memo, 1/5/48
Re: Not stated
66-1138-324
(85)

On 2/28/48, Bob Lee (House Appropriations Committee) advised that the State Department Appropriation Bill was to come up before the House on 3/3/48. At that time, Congressman J. Vaughan Gary, who had been defending the State Department, was to discuss the disposition of "the 108 cases" and indicate that a certain number were awaiting the attention of the FBI. Lee had previously made available, on a confidential basis, the original testimony in connection with the State Department Appropriation Bill, in which the State Department had told the committee that 19 of the cases were awaiting the attention of the FBI.

Bureau memo, 2/28/48
Re: Not given
62-39749-1085
(72)

On 3/12/48, Bob Lee advised that he had been approached by Mr. Richardson, Coordinator for the House of Representatives, to ascertain whether the Director would make a speech in New York sometime within the next six weeks. Richardson had been contacted by a Mr. Reynolds who represented the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, which was the organization desiring the Director as a speaker. It was suggested that Lee be advised that it would be impossible for the Director to accept the invitation. On 3/22/48 Lee was personally advised.

Bureau memo, 3/13/48
Re: "Commerce and Industry
Association of New York"
94-1-29655-17
(81)

On 3/16/48, [redacted] came to see J.S. Egan at the Bureau. At that time, he stated that a short time previously he had made a mistake and caused a girl by the name of [redacted] to be discharged by Bob Lee.

Bureau memo, 3/16/48
Re: [redacted]
(character of case not stated)"
46-2304-937
(84)

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On 3/24/48, Bob Lee stopped at the Director's Office and advised that he planned to go to Allentown, Pennsylvania, with a member of his staff, to check with the banks there to determine if Barrett or the Metropolitan Police Department was maintaining a safety deposit box in Allentown.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 3/24/48
62-79931-54
(69)
SI 62-31564-569
(69)

On 4/8/48, Bob Lee called to ascertain whether the Bureau had any derogatory information on Paul H. Nitze who was in the State Department and had been dealing with the organization of ERP (European Recovery Program). A brief summary on Nitze was to be prepared for Lee.

Bureau memo, 4/8/48
Re: Not stated
62-60411-41
(73)

On 4/9/48, Bob Lee advised that a review of the ERP (European Recovery Program) organization charts revealed that no provisions were made for a security officer. In view of the security minded Congress, Lee's Committee was expected to vigorously object to such a "terrific blunder."

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 4/9/48
62-86974-8
(74)

This reference was an informal note, dated 7/8/48, signed by Bob (Lee) requesting information on Harlan Cleveland, who was associated with the Economic Cooperation Administration on the China Aid Program.

Serial described above
62-60527-14498
(71)

On 9/27/48, Giles H. McBroom, Industrial Relations Representative, Warrant Issue Unit, Benefits Section, Department of Employment Security, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that the solicitation of employees for political contributions in the Department came to his attention as the result of an article in a Memphis newspaper. (date not stated) The article resulted from an investigation made (date not stated) by Mr. Robert Lee, the investigator for the House Appropriations Committee.

Memphis report, 10/22/48
Re: "Wallace O. Hake, Etal;
Federal Corrupt Practices
Act; Hatch Act-Political"
101-7019-46, P.541
(24)

On 1/29/49, Bob Lee requested information concerning an organization which he believed was called Women's Committee for Lasting Peace, which Congressman Taber was interested in. Lee was furnished general background data on the Committee.

Bureau memo, 1/31/49
Re: "Women's Action
Committee for Lasting Peace"
100-195436-30
(71)

On the Saturday before 2/14/49, Bob Lee requested any derogatory information of a criminal nature that the FBI had on Matthew J. Fox, who had a contract with the Indonesian Republic. The information was for Congressman Taber.

It was recommended that Lee be advised that the FBI had no such information pertaining to Fox, which was followed by the written notation: "I agree. H."

Bureau memo, 2/14/49
Re: "Not given"
62-85672-76
(73)

On 4/13/49, Bob Lee requested, for Congressman Ben F. Jensen, information concerning the whereabouts of Fred Donaldson, formerly employed by a Government investigative agency. On 4/14/49 Lee was advised that the Bureau had information on an Atomic Energy applicant known as Frederick Omar Donaldson who in 1948 was employed as a guard by the Public Buildings Administration, and suggested that he check with them.

Bureau memo, 4/13/49
Re: Not stated
94-4-3119-15
(84)

On 7/5/49, Bob Lee requested public source information on Hilmar Stephen Raushenbush. It was recommended that a copy of a blind memo on Raushenbush be furnished Lee, which was followed by the written notation: "OK. H." On 7/11/49, Lee was furnished a copy of the blind memo.

Bureau memo, 7/8/49
Re: "Hilmar Stephen Raushenbush,
aka Stephen Raushenbush
(character of case not stated)"
101-4693-13
(71)

On 7/21/49, Bob Lee advised that Representative Case of South Dakota was considering the introduction of a bill to extend the statute of limitations in espionage cases. Lee wanted to discuss the matter with someone in the Bureau. It was recommended that Lee be advised that he could discuss the matter with someone in the Security Division, which was followed by the written notation: "OK. H."

Bureau memo, 7/21/49
Re: "Not stated"
62-90933-22
(73)

On 7/22/49, D.M. Ladd discussed with Bob Lee Congressman Case's consideration of introducing legislation extending the statute of limitations in espionage cases.

Bureau memo, 7/22/49
Re: "Not stated"
62-90933-23
(73)

On 11/29/49, Bob Lee advised that on that day in New York City, (Whittaker) Chambers identified two individuals known as "X" and "Y" in the State Department as "Lovell" and "Post". Lee referred to a list, he had submitted to the Bureau several years previously, of dubious characters in the State Department, which included the name of Lovell.

Bureau memo, 11/29/49
Re: "Not Stated"
74-1333-4270
(73)

On 2/24/50, Bob Lee advised that he had heard that Senator McCarthy's speech (date not stated) was based on the report of Lee's inquiry for the House Appropriations Committee in 1948 and that the State Department had pretty much identified the names as being those in the report of inquiry.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 2/24/50
121-23278-12
(73)

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On 7/27/50, Bob Lee called to advise that he had received the information that after [redacted] a civilian employee of the Air Force, had moved from the address 3215 or 3250 Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., the neighbors had found considerable Communist propaganda material in his trash. Lee suggested that O.L. Norman, who originally furnished the above information, be interviewed.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 7/27/50
100-371909-1
(71)

On 8/10/50, Bob Lee advised that he had an opportunity to place a couple of men with a writing background in the Voice of America and asked if the Bureau had any names to suggest. Lee was advised that the Bureau had no recommendations.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 8/10/50 *
100-346628-112
(73)

On 8/18/50, Bob Lee requested, for Congressman John Taber, information concerning five persons connected with the U.S. information service in Germany, who were alleged to be Communists.

(According to serial 19227 of this file, blind memos on the five persons were furnished Lee on 8/25/50).

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 8/18/50
62-60527-19233
(71)

In September 1950, it was recommended that photostatic material, in which [redacted] were mentioned, as furnished (date not stated) by Bob Lee, be sent to the Civil Service Commission.

Bureau memo. 9/14/50
Re: [redacted]
Army, [redacted] -Army;
Hans, [redacted] -Army; [redacted]
[redacted] -State; LGE"
121-12961-24
(71)

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In a signed statement, dated 1/13/52, Alvin M. Bentley, director and part-owner, Owosso Manufacturing Co.; Owosso, Michigan, and former U.S. State Department Foreign Service officer, recalled meeting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee (Mr. Lee was an employee of the House Appropriation Committee) during the first weeks of October, 1950, at the home of Jean Kerr, secretary to Senator Joseph McCarthy. On 10/30/50, Lee called Bentley and stated that he and his wife were joint treasurers of a "Butler-For-Senate" Committee and that he was authorized to accept any contributions Bentley cared to make. Later the same day, Bentley saw Lee in Senator McCarthy's office, in the US Senate Office Building, and gave Lee a check for \$5,000.

Detroit report, 1/14/52
Re: "Unsubs; Alleged Irregularities,
General Election, State of Maryland,
11/7/50; Election Laws"
56-975-61
(34)

On 11/21/50, Bob Lee requested a copy of (Max) Lowenthal's book or a digest of the book, in order that he might call it to the attention of Congressman Taber and several of the Senators on the Hill. Lee was outraged at what he heard concerning the book and was desirous of doing what he could to assist the Bureau in counteracting the book. Lee also desired public source information available on Lowenthal and also the publishers of the book.

It was recommended that the requested information be furnished Lee, which was followed with by the written notation, "O.K. H."

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 11/21/50
62-25733-116
(73)

On 11/24/50, it was suggested that a letter be sent to Bob Lee relative to a letter Lee sent to the editor of the "Washington Daily News" concerning the review of (Max) Lowenthal's book. The suggestion was followed by the written notation: "Yes. H."

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 11/24/50
with copy of Lee's letter,
dated 11/22/50, mentioned
above, and copy of Bulet to
Lee dated 11/25/50 as enclosure
94-8-64-129
(72)

On 11/27/50, Bob Lee advised that Congressman Harold Velde, and apparently all members of the HCUA, received copies of (Max) Lowenthal's book.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 11/27/50
62-88524-30
(71)

Early in December 1950, [redacted] of Scripps-Howard advised that on the previous Saturday night there was a confidential meeting (location not stated) attended by Senator Joseph McCarthy, McCarthy's roommate, Bob Lee and [redacted] regarding overtures being made by [redacted] on information which he could receive from General Inurreta from Mexico for \$10,000 indicating Communist activities. b6 b7C

Bureau memo, 12/5/50
Re: Not stated
64-29833-221-716
(73)

On 1/24/51, Bob Lee requested public source information that the Bureau had on Bernard L. Gladieux of the Commerce Department for Senator Malone. It was recommended that Lee be furnished the desired information.

Bureau memo, 1/24/51
Re: Not stated
100-353459-10
(71)

On 1/26/51, it was recommended that Bob Lee be advised there was no public source information in the Bureau files on Bernard L. Gladieux pertinent to his inquiry of 1/24/51.

Bureau memo, 1/26/51
Re: "Bernard L. Gladieux
(character of case not stated)"
100-353459-11
(71)

On 2/6/51, Bob Lee requested information concerning the National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc. and three individuals who were connected with the Committee, as well as three individuals connected with the Voice of America. It was recommended that Lee be furnished public source information available on the Committee and the individuals named, which was followed by the written notation "O.K. H."

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 2/6/51
62-90001-112
(73)

On 5/26/51, Bob Lee brought to the Bureau a list of names of State Department employees, indicating that Congressman (Karl) Stefan requested him to ascertain whether the Bureau had any public source information concerning them.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 5/26/51
62-60527-25033
(72)

Previous to 6/2/51, Bob Lee submitted a list of 338 names of State Department employees, at the request of Congressman (Karl) Stefan, to be checked for any public source information of a derogatory nature concerning the people. Lee was later (date not stated) contacted and was able to eliminate all except 71 of the names, which he returned for checking. It was agreed that the request should be complied with, and Lee so advised. The above was followed by the written notation: "O.K. but it will have to take its turn. I think it is an imposition. H."

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 6/2/51
62-60527-25265
(72)

On 6/15/51, Bob Lee, Minority Clerk for the House Appropriations Committee, made available a copy of a memo (dated 6/4/51, captioned "Allegations by Former State Department Employee", originator not stated) for review. The above mentioned document was returned to Lee on 6/26/51.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 6/15/51
with copy of above mentioned
memo as enclosure
121-23278-300
(73)

On 10/12/51, Bob Lee asked, at the request of Congressman Taber, if three individuals, whom he named, who were reportedly assigned to handle the Voice of America investigation, were FBI Agents. On 10/12/51, Lee was advised that the men were not Bureau employees.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 10/12/51
100-346628-146
(73)

On 10/30/51, Bob Lee requested a copy of the memo concerning Benjamin Joseph Bittenweiser, which the Bureau had previously furnished (8/30/50) him for Congressman Taber. A copy of the memo was to be prepared for Lee.

Director's Office Telephone
Room Note, 10/30/51
121-26307-20
(71)

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference which was found to be identical with the subject contains information of a confidential nature:

58-1548-240 (34)

The following reference contains information which is set forth in the corresponding serial of the main file 67-106570 on Robert (Bob) Lee, whose complete name is Robert Emmet Lee:

References

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62-98810-57 (71)

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THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 7, 1954

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Former Special Agent Robert E. Lee, now with the Federal Communications Commission, called at 4:57 PM on December 6, 1954, and advised that he had received an inquiry from a friend who represented a public utilities committee as to whether or not former Special Agents John Daley and Robert Swanson, with the Bureau of Ethical Security in New York City, are the type of men that this public utilities committee could utilize in regard to an investigation. Lee preferred not to divulge the name of his friend and did not name the public utilities committee, but it appeared that he was referring to the District of Columbia Public Utilities Committee.

Lee wanted to know whether or not we could give him any guidance, off the record, as to the records of these two former Agents.

There are attached the file briefs of former Special Agents John Power Daley and A. Robert Swanson, both of whom had above average records in the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION

If you approve, I will call Bob Lee and merely advise him, for his personal guidance only, that both of these former Agents had satisfactory service records in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. C. Holloman

Attachments

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 10,
1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MILTON B. FREUDENHEIM
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
RE FORMER BUREAU AGENTS

Robert L. Lee

Your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated January 27, 1955, reflects the request by Milton B. Freudenheim, Chicago Daily News, for the identity of former FBI Agents who have continued a career of public service after having started out in the FBI. Freudenheim inquired if we could give him approximately 20 names which would include members of Congress, Federal Judges and others in public life engaged in public service. Mr. Tolson agreed that we could make available to Freudenheim the names of some of our former Agents who are a credit to the Bureau, and he desired to know the identities of those whom you proposed to use. The Director agreed.

By memorandum to you dated February 2, 1955, a list of 20 individuals, former Bureau Agents, were submitted and you were advised that in the event the former Agents listed were approved, the Crime Records Section would review the personnel files of these individuals and prepare suitable data for Freudenheim. You deleted one name from this list of 20 (Thomas J. Donegan). There is attached material compiled as a result of personnel file review on the remaining individuals which is believed suitable to be forwarded to Freudenheim. It is pointed out that there are 18 names in the attached as we have deleted one name from the approved list. This deletion is Honorable Leon Bone, Judge, Vista, California. Bone has been deleted because it is not felt that he belongs in the same category with the other individuals, all of whom are in high and responsible positions. While Bone had a good record in the Bureau, he served many years ago, entering the Bureau in 1911 and retiring in 1936. In 1944, he was appointed to his present position which is merely Justice of the Peace of Vista, California, a very small community just outside San Diego.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attachment

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That the attached be furnished to Freudenheim.

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HONORABLE ROBERT E. LEE
COMMISSIONER
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Honorable Robert E. Lee, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, entered on duty with the FBI as a Special Agent on January 10, 1938. He resigned voluntarily on June 28, 1946, to assume a position with the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives which he held until his present appointment in October, 1953.

While a Special Agent, Mr. Lee served at FBI offices in Richmond, Newark and Chicago, as well as FBI Headquarters. An exceptionally able accountant, he majored in that study at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, his native city where he was born on March 31, 1912.

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 29, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB Nichols*

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SUBJECT:

David Williams, formerly Deputy U. S. Marshal in the District and who now works in the office of Commissioner Robert E. Lee of the Federal Communications Commission, advised my office today that Bob Lee's wife had recently undergone a very serious operation at Garfield Hospital and it was found that she has a malignant growth which will require an even more serious operation in about six weeks' time. Mrs. Lee is presently at home and it was contemplated having her taken to the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Laboratories in New York for additional tests. Mrs. Lee, you recall, was the matron for Jean on the occasion of her wedding to Senator McCarthy. Williams advised that Bob Lee was frightfully upset and considerably worried and Williams thought the Director might like to have this information in view of Lee's former association with the Bureau and his close connection with the Director since leaving the service.

Subsequently during the day, ASAC E. J. McCabe advised my office that he heard substantially the same information through former Agent Al Berry, who is now with the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York.

SUGGEST ATTACHED LETTER BE SENT

cc: Mr. Jones

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*Letter to Lee (long)
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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 2, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

Your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated January 27, 1955, reflects the request by Milton B. Freudenheim, Chicago Daily News, for the identity of former FBI Agents who have continued a career of public service after having started out in the FBI. He inquired if we could give him approximately twenty names which would include members of Congress, Federal judges and others in public life engaged in public service. Mr. Tolson agreed that we could make available to Freudenheim the names of some of our former Agents who are a credit to the Bureau, and he desired to know the identities of those whom you propose to use. The Director agreed.

Set forth below is a list of former Bureau Agents who may be considered in connection with Freudenheim's request. In the event the former Agents listed below are approved in this connection, it is anticipated that Crime Records Section will review the personnel files of those individuals and prepare suitable data for Freudenheim:

Honorable Leon Bone
Judge
Vista, California

Honorable Omar Burleson
Congressman from Texas

Major General Joseph F. Carroll
Director, Special Investigations
Department of the Air Force

Honorable Frank G. Clement
Governor of Tennessee

Mr. Thomas J. Donegan
Newly appointed to the Department
as Chairman, Intra-Departmental
Internal Security

Honorable Edmond Edmondson
Congressman from Oklahoma

Mr. Oakley Hunter
Chief Counsel
Federal Housing Administration

Honorable Robert E. Lee
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Scott McLeod
Administrator, Bureau of Security
and Consular Affairs, Department
of State

Honorable Edwin L. Mechem
Former Governor of New Mexico

Mr. Thomas E. Naughten
Assistant Director
Foreign Operations Administration

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

February 2, 1955

Mr. Jay C. Newman
Commissioner, Department of Public
Safety, State of Utah

Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director, National Americanism
Commission, The American Legion

Honorable Gordon A. Philips
Judge, Municipal Court of
Fieldsboro, Trenton, New Jersey

Honorable Thomas D. Quinn
Associate Judge, Municipal Court
of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Mr. Edward Scheidt
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
State of North Carolina

Honorable H. Allen Smith
Member of Assembly
California State Legislature

Honorable E. A. Tamm
Judge, United States District
Court for the District of
Columbia

Honorable Norris B. Vincent
Judge
Owensboro, Kentucky

Mr. Thomas B. White
Chairman
Texas Board of Pardons and
Paroles

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-mentioned names be considered in
connection with Freudenheim's request. Suitable background
data will be prepared concerning those former Agents who are
approved.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "O.K." H.

November 30, 1955

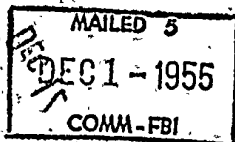
Donald Robert Lee
3147 Westover Drive, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

The illness of Mrs. Lee has come to my attention, and I want to express my sincere hopes for her early recovery. Your many friends in the FBI will be looking forward to good reports on her progress, and I do hope you will call upon me if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Mr. Lee is a former Special Agent who is on the Bureau's mailing list. There have been cordial relations with him.

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See memo Nichols to Tolson
dated 11/22/55

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Mr. Nichols

June 12, 1956

M. A. Jones

ROBERT E. LEE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONER
SPECIAL TOUR

At 2:30 p. m. on June 12, 1956, SA G. W. Gunn of the Crime Records Section met Federal Communications Commissioner Robert E. Lee (former Special Agent) and a group of his friends in Mr. Mohr's office and conducted them on a detailed special tour of the Bureau. In addition to Mr. Lee, the group consisted of Mr. William P. Massing, retired Assistant Secretary from the Federal Communications Commission, Mrs. Massing, [redacted] and her two children, [redacted] (a girl, age 15) and [redacted] (age 11). The [redacted] are from Indianapolis, Indiana, where [redacted]

The group appeared to thoroughly enjoy the tour and asked a number of questions concerning the Bureau and its operations. [redacted] Mr. Massing and Mr. Lee fired the submachine gun on the indoor range. This experience was particularly thrilling to [redacted] who was alive with enthusiasm and energy throughout the tour.

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At the conclusion of the tour, the group met the Director. Mr. Hoover autographed [redacted] target for him, and the entire group was very appreciative of this kindness on the Director's part. When the group was leaving the building, Mr. Lee mentioned that he and his wife always have held the Director in the highest esteem and that Mrs. Lee, in fact, is a strong advocate of the view that the Director should be President.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

cc - Mr. Mohr

cc - Personnel file of former Agent Robert E. Lee

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Washington Scene

Robert E. Lee of the FCC

By George Dixon

BEING an historian of sorts, I deem it within my purview to check up from time to time on Robert E. Lee. This being the case, I invaded the Federal Communications Commission the other day and almost startled a pretty young receptionist out of her bureaucratic wits by bel-lowing: "Stand aside, fair damsel! I want to go in and see what's new with Robert E. Lee!"



Dixon

I found out that, although he has now been dwelling in our dreamy little southern town for nigh on to four years, Robert E. Lee is still an unreconstructed Northerner, and a Republican to boot, if that's the way you care to treat Republicans.

Possibly you, with your carelessness for historical detail, are not aware that Robert E. Lee is the son of an Irish cop named Patrick Lee, who immigrated from County Galway in 1893 and served on the Chicago police force for 35 years. The copper's son, has an equally notable background. Robert E. Lee was an accountant for the FBI and once helped train Donald Duck.

To avoid any possible mis-

apprehension, this Robert E. Lee is one of the seven Federal Communications Commissioners who wield life and death powers over such passing fads as television and radio. He was appointed by President Eisenhower on Oct. 6, 1953, when he was 42.

BEFORE becoming a lordly FCC commissioner, Lee's principal job was school-teaching at the FBI. Director J. Edgar Hoover put him in charge of training new agents who were to be assigned to accounting. One of his final duties was to take a new recruit to the FBI Academy at Quantico, Va., and turn him over to the firing-range instructor.

He held out his hand to the instructor and said: "I am Robert E. Lee, and this is Donald Duck." The instructor ignored the outstretched hand and replied nastily: "I am Felix the Cat."

Mr. Lee and Mr. Duck were giving their right names; but the shooting instructor was dissimulating. His name, as Robert E. Lee and Donald Duck later established by employing the latest FBI investigative techniques, was not Felix the Cat.

COMMISSIONER Lee said the first FBI field office to which he was assigned was in the capital of Virginia.

"Some joker," he said, "thought it would be funny to send me to Richmond."

I asked Robert E. Lee if he was still getting much reaction from his name.

"Only from hotel clerks," he replied. "When I register 'Robert E. Lee and wife' they smile. I wonder why."

There is possibly one point that should be made clear. The middle name of General Robert E. Lee was "Edward," the FCC commissioner's "Emmet." He was named after Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot.

"In this job I often feel I have much in common with Robert Emmet," said Robert Emmet Lee. "He was hanged."

HOMER Joseph Dodge, the goateed, nestor of the National Press Club, is inconsolable. He looked through the Congressional Directory the other day and was dismayed to find this entry under Department of Justice: "Office of legal counsel—vacant."

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 3, 1957

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
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During the Christmas holidays, I had an opportunity to see Lee and he learned about the Bureau's new book, "The FBI Story." He told me that nothing would please him more than obtaining a copy of this book autographed by the Director. I gave Lee no encouragement about obtaining a copy for him, but Lee has always been very friendly to the Bureau and has personally helped me on occasions, and I have obtained a copy of the book which I would like to give him. Before giving it to Lee, however, I would appreciate it if the Director would autograph it to him. I know this would delight Lee and I certainly would be very appreciative.

I would like to suggest, therefore, that if it is convenient to the Director that he autograph the attached copy of "The FBI Story" to Robert E. Lee, former Special Agent and now a Commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission.

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Washington Scene . . . By George Dixon

Robert E. Lee of the FCC

BEING an historian of sorts, I deem it within my purview to check up from time to time on Robert E.

Lee. This being the case, I invaded the Federal Communications Commission the other day and almost startled a pretty young receptionist out of her bureaucratic wits by bel-lowing: "Stand aside, fair damsel! I want to go in and see what's new with Robert E. Lee!"

I found out that, although he has now been dwelling in our dreamy little southern town for nigh on to four years, Robert E. Lee is still an unreconstructed Northerner, and a Republican to boot, if that's the way you care to treat Republicans.

Possibly you, with your carelessness for historical detail, are not aware that Robert E. Lee is the son of an Irish cop named Patrick Lee, who immigrated from County Galway in 1893 and served on the Chicago police force for 35 years. The copper's son, has an equally notable background. Robert E. Lee was an accountant for the FBI and once helped train Donald Duck.

To avoid any possible mis-

apprehension, this Robert E. Lee is one of the seven Federal Communications Commissioners who wield life and death powers over such passing fads as television and radio. He was appointed by President Eisenhower on Oct. 6, 1953, when he was 42.

BEFORE becoming a lordly FCC commissioner, Lee's principal job was school-teaching at the FBI. Director J. Edgar Hoover put him in charge of training new agents who were to be assigned to accounting. One of his final duties was to take a new recruit to the FBI academy at Quantico, Va., and turn him over to the firing-range instructor.

He held out his hand to the instructor and said: "I am Robert E. Lee, and this is Donald Duck." The instructor ignored the outstretched hand and replied nastily: "I am Felix the Cat."

Mr. Lee and Mr. Duck were giving their right names, but the shooting instructor was dissimulating. His name, as Robert E. Lee and Donald Duck later established by employing the latest FBI investigative techniques, was not Felix the Cat.

COMMISSIONER Lee said the first FBI field office to which he was assigned was in the capital of Virginia.

"Some joker," he said, "thought it would be funny to send me to Richmond."

I asked Robert E. Lee if he was still getting much reaction from his name.

"Only from hotel clerks," he replied. "When I register 'Robert E. Lee and wife' they smile. I wonder why."

There is possibly one point that should be made clear. The middle name of General Robert E. Lee was "Edward," the FCC commissioner's "Emmet." He was named after Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
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MR. NEASE

During the course of my conversation with the Attorney General on another matter I mentioned that Congressman Owen Harris, Chairman of the House Committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission, had called me to get an idea as to someone he could hire as General Counsel. I stated I was not in at the time of the Congressman's call and the Congressman had indicated he would call later in the day. I commented that I did not think we should suggest anyone to them; that I did not know anyone who could serve except someone practicing law. It was further stated that former Special Agent Robert E. Lee is presently a member of the Federal Communications Commission and if a former Special Agent of this Bureau were appointed as General Counsel to the House Committee there could be possible trouble. The Attorney General indicated he thought it best not to suggest anyone.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Lee's Pre-FCC Record Recalled

By Drew Pearson

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One of the most interesting members of the Federal Communications Commission is Robert E. Lee, a Republican

and no relation to the famed Civil War general, a Democrat. He was appointed to this key post on one of the most vital commissions in Government as a reward for his help to Sen. Joe McCarthy in two pieces of backstage business which all good Republicans would now like to forget.

Lee's record shows that he has continued to operate backstage in the FCC as he did on behalf of Senator McCarthy. Sworn Senate records are available regarding much of his background.

Commissioner Lee has gone down the line for National Airlines, whose New York counsel, Roy Cohn, was also counsel for the McCarthy Committee. Lee reversed himself on a TV station in Fresno, Calif., after Murray Chotiner, campaign manager for Vice President Nixon, got into the picture. He reversed himself on Channel 12 in Jacksonville, Fla., after the delightful and distinguished Mgr. Maurice Sheehy intervened in the case. Lee is of the same faith as the monsignor. And Lee voted for Thomas Tinsley of Baltimore for a TV license in Petersburg, Va., after being entertained by Tinsley at the very time the Petersburg case was under consideration.



Code to McCarthy

This is part of the recent record. The early Lee record goes back to 1950 when Joe McCarthy had made the amazing charge that there were "205 card-carrying Communists" in the State Department "known to the Secretary of State," and then found he couldn't prove it. Lee came to his rescue at that time by giving McCarthy the list of 81 security-risk cases on file with the House Appropriations Committee of which he was minority (Republican) clerk. The names were under lock and key and were referred to by case numbers, so that Congressmen knew the numbers but not the names attached to the numbers. Lee supplied McCarthy with the secret code and the names.

Most of those on the list had already been fired from the State Department by the same Secretary of State (Dean Acheson) who, McCarthy charged, had been dilatory. Many of them were alcoholics, sex unfortunates, etc., and McCarthy was never able to find one Communist in the State Department.

Having done this favor for McCarthy, Lee plunged into the Maryland 1950 campaign in which McCarthy was trying to defeat Sen. Millard E. Tydings, who had had the courage to challenge and investigate Joe's charges against the State Department.

Maryland Campaign

There ensued one of the

dirtiest election campaigns in recent history, during which a Baltimore printer who balked at printing McCarthy literature was shanghaied, during which McCarthy collected thousands of dollars from Texas, Illinois and Michigan, and during which he circulated a faked photo of Tydings in friendly pose with Communist leader Earl Browder.

Commissioner Lee, who now sits on the FCC in alleged impartial judgment on TV licenses, was in the thick of this campaign. His job, according to sworn Senate testimony, was to pick up checks in Baltimore, deposit them in his wife's account in the National Capital Bank in Washington and then pay for addressing 300,000 post cards on behalf of John Marshall Butler, GOP nominee.

When the scandals of the Maryland campaign were investigated by the Senate, however, one man, Jon Jonkel, was made the goat. He pleaded guilty to violating the election laws. Others who, according to Senate testimony likewise appeared guilty, escaped action.

R. E. Lee was rewarded by appointment to one of the most important commissions in government. When he came up for confirmation in the Senate, aside from a handful of Senators led by Monroney of Oklahoma and Hennings of Missouri, no one opposed him.

The big networks actually lobbied for his confirmation. Earl Gammons, vice president of CBS, buttonholed, among others, Sen. George Smathers of Florida, a key member of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee which had to pass on Lee. Smathers voted for him.

After his appointment was confirmed, Lee did not disappoint those who helped him. He voted to give more stations to the big networks; voted against the small UHF stations; on "de-intermixture"; voted for Colonel Hobby, husband of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, on a shocking TV award in Beaumont, Tex.; voted for Senator Dirksen's law firm in Peoria, Ill., after a member of the firm, Charles Caley, had approached him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/2/58

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

ROBERT E. LEE
 Former Special Agent
 ROBERT G. LAWRENCE
 Special Agent
 EOD 10/2/39; Resigned 11/7/52;
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 1, 1958, concerning my conversation with former Special Agent Robert E. Lee, now Commissioner with Federal Communications Commission, who told me that the Harris Committee investigating the FCC had obtained a list of the Commissioners' telephone calls from someone in the Commission. Included on this list were two calls as follows: May 26, 1954, from Mr. Williams (Williams works for Lee at FCC) to Bob Lawrence, Boston; October 4, 1954, from Commissioner Lee to Bob Lawrence, Boston. Lee said that during the time that he was examined by the Harris Committee he was not asked about these two telephone calls. He said as a matter of fact he could not remember why they were made and what transpired during the two calls. He said it was his vague recollection that they related to social activities and probably Lee's contemplated trips to Boston. Lee said, however, the phone calls do have some significance because at the time Lawrence was affiliated with the Boston Post and the Boston Post was an applicant for Channel 5 in Boston. The Channel 5 award to the Herald Traveller in Boston is one of the highly publicized television awards made by the FCC.

Lawrence stated that from 1952 to 1956 he was assigned by John Fox, a Boston financier, to the Boston Post to try to help reorganize it and put it on a paying basis. Lawrence stated that his principal job was Administrative Assistant to the publisher, but that in working for Fox he, Lawrence, had many titles in many corporations. He said one of the titles was Director of the Boston Post Company. Lawrence also stated in connection with his assignment to the Boston Post that he, of course, was interested and active in trying to get a television station for the Post. He said this was only a natural and probable consequence of his being an official on the Post; however, that his activities were all legal and

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Memo to Mr. Tolson
Re: Robert E. Lee
Robert G. Lawrence

above board. Lawrence stated that during the time he was with the Post the application was pending before the Hearings Examiner at the FCC and was not being considered by the Commissioners. The final decision in any of the television license cases is always made by the Commissioners.

With respect to the telephone calls, Lawrence stated he had no recollection of what they were about or why Lee called him. Lawrence stated he can definitely state they were not in connection with the television license or the Boston Post application for the television license for Channel 5 in Boston. He said it was his recollection that the telephone conversations were social in nature and as near as he can recall Lee called Lawrence to tell him that he, Lee, would be in Boston and would see Lawrence. Lawrence said he recalls there were two occasions in which Lee was in Boston when Lawrence saw Lee. Lawrence said he cannot more specifically place the two occasions but he said on one of the occasions Lawrence, with his wife, drove in to Boston and met Lee at his hotel, which was probably the Copley Plaza and took Lee out to visit with former Special Agent Joseph M. O'Connor and his wife. O'Connor and his wife are well known to the Lees and they are personal friends. Lawrence said that they spent the afternoon at the home of the O'Connors and about evening they drove over to Lexington, Massachusetts, where Lee had Sunday supper with the Lawrences and the Lawrences drove Lee on to his hotel at about 10:00 p. m.

On another occasion Lee was in Boston and Lawrence said that Lee came by the building where John Fox's office is located at 89 State Street; that Lawrence and Lee had a couple of drinks and that Lee had dinner with Lawrence in the restaurant in the building at 89 State Street. Lawrence said while they were having dinner Fox and various members of his staff dropped by the table to chat with Lawrence and Lee. The conversation was strictly social in nature and had no bearing on the television application.

Lawrence was asked if he ever discussed the application for Channel 5 with Lee and Lawrence said undoubtedly during one of the conversations with Lee something was said about Channel 5, the fact that there were many applicants for it, that it was being hotly contested, but the conversation was general and at no time was it ever specific.

At the time that Lee was in to see me, he said he would like to know the significance of the calls to Lawrence for his, Lee's, information. Lee said he did not anticipate that he would be officially requested for the significance

Memo to Mr. Tolson
Re: Robert E. Lee
Robert G. Lawrence

of the two calls. I see no objection to furnishing Lee with the circumstances of my conversation with Lawrence. Lawrence has assured me that his association with Lee was honorable and that he has done nothing that would reflect on him, the Bureau or on Lee. If you agree, I will call Bob Lee and furnish him the circumstances of Lawrence's telephone conversation with me.

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Ties Bind Ex-FBI Men

By ELLEN MOFFAT
Camerica Staff Writer

DRAWN together by common memories of a job they once shared are 22 Dayton men. They comprise the Dayton chapter of what has been termed "the most exclusive club in the world."

All are former FBI men. Their official name is the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. But they have no official connection with the FBI.

They meet for fun every month in a different location. They attend national and regional group meetings. And they still bring to their club the team spirit that marks a Hoover-trained man. The high morale spilled over and found expression in a national organization. It fanned into hundreds of local chapters.

Dayton's group was organized in November, 1952. Members come from a score of occupations. A bank president, a radio and TV station business manager, a professor, an adjutant general, personnel men and lawyers meet for lunch or dinner.

Although the club offers collateral benefits . . . a foundation for education of members' children, term insurance, a placement bureau, . . . something stronger pulls them together.

ALL ARE convinced they have had one of the privileges of the century.

Said Wade Alley, business manager of WHIO, an FBI alumnus with 16 years behind him, "I think it's the finest experience a young man can have." Alley is one of 40 former FBI men in America who is in the broadcasting field. One is FCC commissioner, Robert E. Lee.

It's about the best education you could have in every kind of business. It offers such variety," explained member Stanley H. Mendelsohn. "Agents are frequently offered jobs in private enterprise and for awhile the bureau's records showed four years was the average length of service."

Why do men leave a glamor job that offers so much?

Mendelsohn, who now manages a seven-store dry cleaning chain, started with the bureau in 1933, as a clerk, obtained a law degree in Washington, and became an agent. He left reluctantly.

"There comes a time when you don't want

to take your children out of school again and move on," he related, pinpointing the reason most men quit. "But you were always sure of meeting wonderful fellows when you bounced from one office to another."

Mendelsohn pointed out. "It's a young man's job. I realize that when I hear on the midnight news of a bank robbery. I think of the officers, routed out on a cold night."

Robert J. Barth, president of Peoples Bank and Trust Co., admitted. "I hardly saw my daughter until she was three. I left to get back to normal living." Barth, a Cincinnati lawyer, joined the FBI a year and a day after Pearl Harbor. He cited the fantastically high morale of the corps as the cement that drew former agents together in a social setting. And he credits J. Edgar Hoover for the indoctrination program that built "utter loyalty and devotion."

"I felt lost the day I turned in my credentials in 1945. And I still automatically reach for them sometimes."

THE NATIONAL roster reads like a kind of Who's Who. It numbers among its members judges, governors, industrial leaders, congressmen. But there are also teachers, ministers and lawyers.

Richard Saxton, midwest representative for ACF Industries of Maryland, who served the FBI from 1942 to 1949, applied for the Dayton chapter's charter. After leaving the bureau he served as an auditor to the University of Pittsburgh, then worked at Wright Field.

He pointed to the caliber of the men as a gravitational pull of the club.

"Only one in a thousand applicants was accepted."

President of the local chapter is Police Lt. Richard C. Grundish, who looks at the work with the FBI as a high privilege and a kind of "graduate course in many fields."

Most of the members are in their 40s. Occasionally wives are invited to meetings. And they have a boss' night, he explained. Next convention will be in San Francisco in October.

James Hoefling, who served the FBI from 1941 to 1946, attends meetings because of "the pleasant associations." He has missed only one national convention since he joined.

"The type of investigation, the fact-finding training is valuable to any lawyer," he said. Hoefling, as well as company executives, cite the value of the bureau's administrative training.

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
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Editor James E. Train

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Ex-FBIer Sought Aid Of Nixon in TV Case

By GWEN GIBSON

Washington, March 17 (NEWS Bureau).—An ex-FBI agent testified today that he sought aid from Vice President Nixon in a disputed TV case because he was "incensed" at rumors that Col. Gordon Moore, President Eisenhower's brother-in-law, was interfering in the matter.

Earlier Moore appeared voluntarily and swore that he "most positively" had no connection "directly or indirectly" with the controversy over Miami's Channel 10.

Both testified before the special House group investigating

ney, testified he considered seeking aid from Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) and Republican FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee, who is also an ex-FBI agent.

But he said he decided "by all odds in this very, very peculiar, ticklish, delicate situation the most perfect contact, in terms of ideals, would be the Vice President's office."

Rice testified he talked in October, 1955, to Bob King, then Nixon's administrative assistant. He left that interview "confident" that King would take the matter to Nixon and that Nixon "would just pick up the phone and call Lee."

(It was not brought out what, if anything, Nixon did.)

Rice said his work in the case was "on a friendship basis" on behalf of Miami broadcaster A. Frank Katzentine, a loser in the Channel 10 fight.

Katzentine had testified that he understood that Moore was "engineering" National's application.

Col. Moore confirmed that he was once in a Dominican Republic shipyard venture with two directors of National but said he didn't even know until he "read it in the papers" that National had applied for a TV award.



(Associated Press Wirefoto)
Col. George G. Moore testifying yesterday before House investigators.

allegations that improper pressures were brought on "all sides" in the TV fight. The Federal Communications Commission awarded the channel to National Airlines in 1957.

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DATE: 4/1/58

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Lee came in to see me today at noon time and he said he is all through testifying before the Harris Committee. He said as part of the investigation the Committee made they obtained a list of all long distance calls that Lee made from the Commission's office. He said there were about 40 to 50 such calls and that he was only questioned about 14 calls he made to [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio. He said that apparently he was questioned about these calls because [redacted] figured in the Channel 10 case in Miami, Florida. Lee said that he obtained a copy of the list of calls the Committee obtained and in this list are two calls which he said he actually could not explain at this time if called upon to do so. He said he believed the calls were more or less personal in nature but in any event they were the following calls: May 26, 1954, from Mr. Williams (Williams works for Lee at FCC) to Bob Lawrence, Boston; October 4, 1954, from Commissioner Lee to Bob Lawrence, Boston.

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Lee said as far as he can remember at the time the two telephone calls were made Lawrence was working on the Boston Post and the Boston Post was an applicant for the celebrated television station in Boston. The Boston Post subsequently withdrew its application when Fox went bankrupt and the Post folded. Lee said according to his recollection he made a couple of trips to Boston and in connection with those trips he did see Lawrence and had lunch or dinner with him and that Fox probably was present at one or both of these meetings. He said that both meetings were social in nature and did not involve the application for the television license. John Fox was very much interested in sponsoring Lee's membership on the FCC. As a matter of fact Fox demanded that Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts vote for Lee.

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Memo to Mr. Tolson
Re: ROBERT E. LEE;
ROBERT G. LAWRENCE

Lee stated that the first call made on May 26, 1954, was probably placed by Williams in Lee's office for Lee. However, he said it is possible that both calls may have been initiated by Lawrence. In any event he asked if it would be possible for us to contact Lawrence to see what Lawrence's recollection was concerning these two phone calls. He said as far as he knows this information will not be used officially but that he, Lee, would like to have it for his records.

Lee feels he did very well before the Harris Committee and attributes his success to the fact that he spent a great deal of time before the testimony in accumulating all the facts he could to assist him.

Bob Lawrence is personally known to Lee as well as myself. If you have no objection, I shall contact Lawrence and find out from him the significance of the two telephone calls and advise you before any information is furnished to Lee.

yes ✓
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W. J. [unclear]

Former G-Men Hit Top In Contrasting Fields

By JERRY BENNETT

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Each year hundreds of successful men eagerly pack their suitcases to attend a national convention of one of the most unusual social clubs in the world.

They include ministers, lawyers, high ranking military officers, congressmen and top-flight business executives.

But when they get together, their conversation always turns to one subject—crime.

For each one is a former agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. And before entering their present jobs, they made their living by tracking down dangerous spies and hoodlums.

The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation boasts a membership of more than 3,500 with chapters in cities and towns throughout the United States. Mexico City also has a chapter. And another is composed of members who live in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The society's membership list reads like a Who's Who in American government and business.

For instance, two of the leading members are Congressmen A. Paul Kitchin (D-NC) and H. Allen Smith (R-Calif.). Another high ranking government official is Ambassador to Ireland Scott McLeod. And each year dues come into the society's New York headquarters from Tennessee's Gov. Frank Clement.

More Big Names

Robert E. Lee, a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission; S. Wesley Reynolds, security director of the super-secret National Security Agency, and Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Carroll, Air Force Inspector General for Security, also are on the rolls.



A. PAUL KITCHIN
... Congressman ...



SCOTT McLEOD
... ambassador ...



H. ALLEN SMITH
... Congressman ...



FRANK CLEMENT
Tennessee Governor

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Others are Robert King, former assistant to Vice President Nixon and now executive director of the operating committee for the upcoming 1960 Winter Olympics, and Stanley L. Kemp, legislative assistant to Michigan Sen. Charles Potter.

Big business is represented by such notables as John Bugas, Ford's dynamic vice president in charge of industrial relations, and Emmett P. Dowling Jr., president of the Youngstown Steel Door Co.

And the organization's annual national convention is always attended by high-paid executives from companies like General Electric, General Motors, International Business Machines, Westinghouse and Lockheed, Martin and Convair aircraft plants.

Many of them credit their training and service with the FBI for the success they have achieved in their present jobs.

Charles M. Noone, distinguished attorney and president of the Washington D. C., chapter, explains: "Serving with the FBI is probably the most liberal and concentrated course of study you could get here."

He refers to the FBI's standard policy of thoroughly studying every angle connected with a criminal case. Many times in cases involving business firms, Noone explains, the investigating agent may end up knowing more about the company than its president. Thus, if these men decide to leave the FBI, they are usually highly qualified to hold down important positions in business.

Many, however, remain in law enforcement work. Some are police chiefs, military investigators and probers for top Senate and House committees. Others are private detectives. Former agent Ross V. Randolph is warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill.

The most distinguishing feature of the club is the enthusiastic comradery of its members. Noone explains that the FBI's tight screening system results in selecting agents with a lot in common. A former agent's desire to talk about some of his exciting experi-

ences also contributes a lot to the good fellowship.

"After you leave the FBI, there are not many people who'll listen to you except other 'FBI guys,'" Noone explains.

Although the society is principally a social organization, the \$10-a-year membership fee provides former agents with several other benefits.

A special fund has been established to help out the wives and children of deceased members. An inexpensive life insurance policy is available. And an efficient placement bureau helps find members lucrative jobs.

Members also receive a monthly publication with news from the different chapters.

Spencer Drayton, who as head of the Chicago office captured Roger Touhy, now is a director of the Thoroughbred Racing Association and also runs its protective bureau, which keeps turfdom clean of fixers and other undesirable.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 24, 1960

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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In scanning the Congressional Record for Thursday, June 23, 1960, the following items contained therein have been marked for your attention.

Pages 12929-12936 contain the discussion on the nomination of Robert E. Lee to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of seven years. The nomination was confirmed. Page 12931 Senator Case, (R) South Dakota, pointed out that Mr. Lee is a former FBI employee. Senator Bridges, (R) New Hampshire, replied "That is correct; he started with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he made an outstanding record." Page 12935 Senator Butler, (R) Maryland, stated "In 1941 he was made administrative assistant to Director J. Edgar Hoover, and was charged with the specific responsibility of building the FBI staff for new responsibilities under the threat of war. Subsequently he was made chief clerk of the FBI." Mr. Lee was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from January 10, 1938 to June 28, 1946.

Pages 13054-13070, the House adopted H. Res. 563, the rule providing for the consideration of and 3 hours of debate on S. 1898, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the procedure in obtaining a license and for rehearings under such act. After consuming 1 3/4 hours of the time allotted for debate, further action was deferred until today. Page 13065, Congressman Harris, (D) Arkansas, commented on the Biscayne Television Corporation case. Mr. Harris stated "It appears from the testimony before our subcommittee that Mr. Knight was the motivating force behind the ex parte representations made by various persons on behalf of Biscayne Television Corp. Mr. Ben H. Fuqua, a vice president of the Florida Power & Light Co., had known former Commissioner Mack since college days. Mr. Knight learned of this friendship through Mr. Fuqua's superior officer at Florida Power, Mr. McGregor Smith. According to an affidavit dated April 18, 1958, given by Mr. Fuqua to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Fuqua received a telephone call from Mr. Smith in 1955 prior to the decision of the Commission in favor of Biscayne."

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell
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Industry Rounds up the G-Men!

**The FBI Wasn't Intended as a Training
School for Top Executives, But Big
Business Considers It One of the Best**

By JOAN DICKINSON

WHEN DILLINGER went down in a rain of bullets and Roger Touhy was trapped in Chicago; when secret agents struggled through the jungles of the Amazon tracking Nazi spies; and finally, when they tightened yet another net around the traitors peddling our atomic secrets to the Soviets—few would have believed that the courageous men behind these moves were destined one day, if they lived, to become America's top business executives.

Old soldiers may just fade away but, today, former FBI agents are running many leading corporations, are holding down important governmental positions here and abroad and are being elected by confident home-town voters to guide the country and safeguard its future. Their success has been phenomenal in industry government and elsewhere.

Few were ever famous, since the FBI demands anonymity. But the years of experience behind these men who played for keeps, for life or death, pitting their skill and brains against wily antagonists, gave them qualities readily recognized by private industry which now constantly seeks former agents to fill top positions.

Louis B. Nichols, recently named executive vice president of Schenley's Inc., spent 23 years in the FBI, mostly at the administrative level. At the time of his retirement from the bureau he was not only one of J. Edgar Hoover's right hand men, but was said by many to have been one of the most influential men on Capitol Hill.

Nichols attributes the achievements of former agents in business and government to two things: the intense and diversified training the bureau gives each man, and their close association with Hoover himself, a man who commands the utmost respect and admiration from all who have ever worked for him.

"Two things you must learn in the bureau—and master them," Mr. Nichols emphasizes. "These are adaptability and versatility. You will go from one job to another in the FBI, and how high you go depends on how well you absorb both." Years ago, he recalls, many top executives

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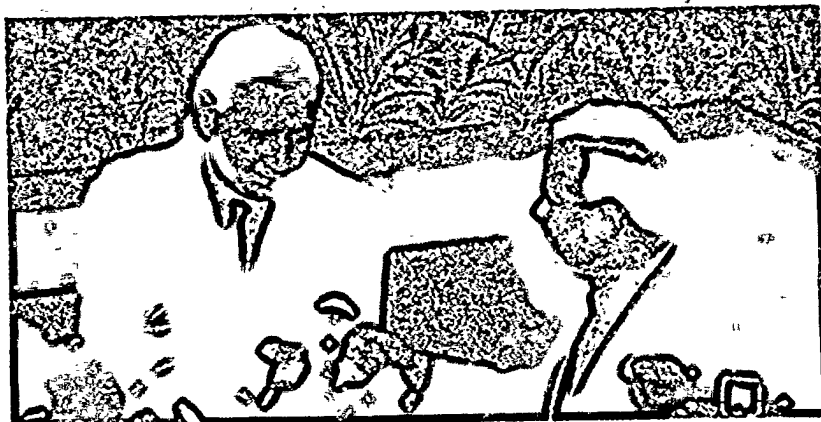
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EX-AGENTS IN NEW ROLES



An ex-G-Man, Louis B. Nichols is vice president of a distillery.

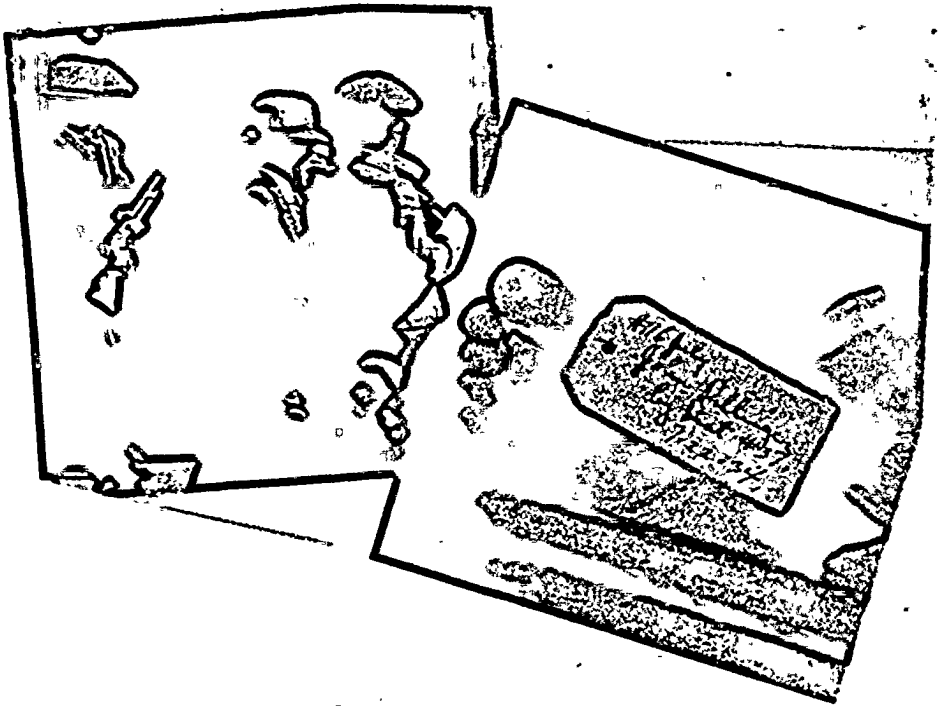
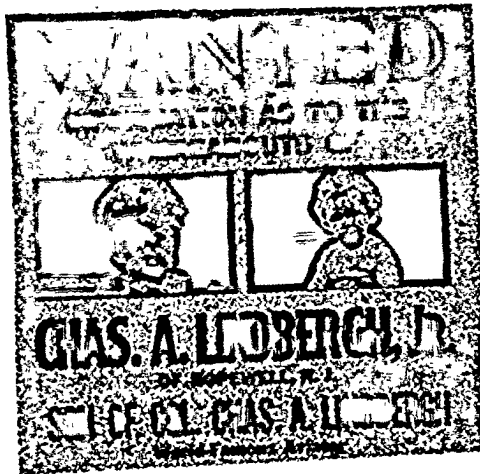


John Bugas (left), former FBI agent, is now in charge of industrial relations at Ford. He shakes hands with union chief Walter Reuther.

IMP PHOTOS



Now chief of the FCC, Robert E. Lee is also a veteran of the FBI.



FBI agents like those who solved the Lindbergh case, captured Roger "Tough" Touhy's gang (above, center) and put John Dillinger on a slab (right) are snapped up by business when they leave service.

pleaded with him to let their sons join the FBI, solely to gain this kind of invaluable experience before going into business for themselves.

Among the former agents are six Congressmen, 12 Senators, two State Governors, 33 judges, 28 educators in important schools and universities. Many are members of the Young Presidents League, an association of men who became presidents of large corporations before their thirtieth birthdays.

— Three are clergymen, one a priest doing missionary work in the Bahamas. Then there's Robert L. King, until recently an assistant to Vice President Nixon and now a member of the 1960 Olympics Committee. On the NATO International Staff in Paris is Paul J. Hayes, with 14 years of service in the bureau behind him.

Major General Joseph F. Carroll was "borrowed" from the FBI in 1942 to help establish a security system for the Air Force and has stayed there.

The Ford Motor Company employs 43 former agents, with ex-G-Man John X. Bugas as vice president in charge of industrial relations. During his nine years with the bureau, he was in charge of offices in Alaska, Birmingham and Detroit and bore the brunt of a Communist "smear" campaign against himself and Hoover before World War II. When his new position was announced, one newspaper headlined the story, "FBI Paid Bugas \$6,500, Ford Salary \$183,785."

It is unquestionably true that the men of the FBI could double, triple, or increase their sal-

aries ten-fold by engaging in private business, but they stay with the bureau as long as they are needed. Key personnel discuss personally with Hoover all positions they are offered outside the bureau.

The turnover of agents is far less than that of other government agencies and private business. Of every 100 men who apply for the job of Special Agent, only seven are appointed. Less than 1 per cent a year leave to take other positions, while in the Federal Government it is 1.9 per cent, and in industry 3.7 per cent.

John J. Keating, a veteran of 33 years in the FBI, is on the N. Y. State Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations. During his career he specialized in "con" men, worked on the Lindbergh kidnaping case, also in the round-up of the Roger Touhy gang.

EIGHT other ex-agents are on the U. S. Waterfront Commission, and Robert E. X. Lee is Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. Many more are engaged by radio and television stations, newspapers and magazines.

Nathan X. Pleper, after nine years in the bureau, like many others left at the end of the wartime emergency. He became vice president of the National Surety Corporation. He is now an assistant to his old FBI boss, Louis Nichols, at Schenley's.

During World War II, nearly 900 Nazi espionage agents were located in Central and South America, by men like D. Vincent X. Hurley, who spent over a year in Argentina, is presently a top administrator of the U. S. Brewers Foundation and is president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.

This organization, 21 years old, now has 3,500 members with active chapters in all the 48 states.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

To Right a Wrong

Your reporter, Lee Cohn, in an article on the regulatory agencies (December 29), referred to me as an ex "clerk" in the FBI.

The public record shows that I entered Federal service on January 10, 1938, as a "Special Agent" of the FBI and progressed over the years until I was made Chief Clerk of the FBI. This is the chief administrative position of the entire organization. Because of this experience I was "loaned" to the House Appropriations Committee on the personal recommendation of Mr. Hoover to further the objectives of the Reorganization Act of 1946. I am a career Government employee of 24 years.

Robert E. Lee,
Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

(Editor's Note: As written by Mr. Cohn, the story referred to Mr. Lee as former Chief Clerk of the FBI. The "Chief" was inadvertently dropped in setting the line and a later correction failed to make the final edition. Mr. Lee has made a career of Government service and his record speaks for itself.)

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PHS. F. E. B. J.

Robert E. Lee Says Name Leads to General Mixup

Robert E. Lee—the federal communications commissioner from Washington, D. C., not the famous general—has had a lot of strange moments because of his famous name. "When I started with the FBI," he said, "they thought it would be a good idea to send me to Richmond, Va., for my first assignment. The Richmond newspapers picked it up. When I started getting more publicity than J. Edgar Hoover, they decided to transfer me."



Lee

Lee, who was in Milwaukee last week, pointed out that the general's name was Robert Edward Lee. He was named Robert Emmett Lee, he said, after a famous Irish patriot. "If you ever run into an Irishman named Robert E. Lee, you can be sure his middle name is Emmett," he said.

A friend of his, an attorney, is named Donald Duck, Lee said. In spite of pleading by friends, the attorney has refused to change his name, or even to add an initial.

"No cartoon character is going to force me to change my name," Lee reported his friend said.

Once, when the two of them were together at Quantico, Va., they met a man from Texas, Lee said.

"This tall Texan walked over," he said. "I introduced myself as Robert E. Lee and said, 'This is a friend of mine, Donald Duck.'"

"It took him about 10 seconds to say, 'And I'm Felix the Cat,'" Lee said.

While looking through some Civil War literature, Lee said he ran across a book which purported to be a "true and objective account of the Civil War as seen from the southern viewpoint."

In the book, he said, Gen.

Robert E. Lee was at Appomattox, flushed with his victories and ready to march on Washington.

Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union forces, stumbled on Lee's headquarters. The book said Grant looked so disheveled that Lee mistook him for an

orderly and gave his sword to Grant to polish it.

When he discovered who Grant was, the book said, Lee was too much of a southern gentleman to ask Grant to return the sword.

"And that's how the Civil War ended, according to the book," Lee said.

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Milwaukee Journal
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoache

DATE: 9-12-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

SENATOR ANDREW F. SCHOEPPPEL (R. - KANSAS)
CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT PATMAN (D. - TEXAS)

Robert E. Lee

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On September 9, 1961, SAC, Dallas, advised by teletype that [REDACTED] had been questioned by the Paris, Texas, police, after allegedly having followed 19-year-old [REDACTED] to that city and arranging an appointment for her there with a local doctor, in regard to "female trouble." SAC, Dallas, continued that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Congressman Wright Patman. In addition [REDACTED] advised that he is a friend of former Special Agent Robert E. Lee of the Federal Communications Commission; that he [REDACTED] had recently tried to see the Director in Washington, D. C., but did not make connections; that he [REDACTED] was working for Senator Andrew F. Schoeppel (R. - Kansas) and that he was [REDACTED]. SAC, Dallas, advised that [REDACTED] who uses the names b6 of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, and the President, J. F. Kennedy. b7C SAC, Dallas, advised that he furnished the above for the information of the Bureau and contemplated no action.

You may recall that on August 25, 1961, Mr. Wick by referral from the Director's Office talked on the telephone with Congressman Wright Patman (D. - Texas). Mr. Patman said he was calling merely to alert us to the presence in town at the LaFayette Hotel of [REDACTED] who claims to represent various Texas concerns. Mr. Patman said he got the distinct impression that [REDACTED] is entertaining the idea of suing the State Department for inactivity and failure to properly administer foreign affairs. He said we need not do anything about the matter but certainly we should know of [REDACTED] presence in town.

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Jones to DeLoach Memorandum

RE:
SENATOR ANDREW F. SCHOEPEL
CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT PATMAN

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INFORMATION IN BUFILE:

Bufiles contain no identifiable data relating to other than the following. We have never investigated him.

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Bufiles disclose that Robert E. Lee is a member of the Federal Communications Commission and served as a Special Agent from January 10, 1938, to June 28, 1946, when he resigned. Mr. Lee is a friend of the Bureau; personally to the Director and on the Special Correspondents' List. (67-106570)

Bufiles failed to disclose any record of an attempt by to see the Director. We have had limited but cordial relations with Senator Schoepel and Congressman Patman.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office advise Senator Schoeppel of [redacted] background and the fact that he claims to be employed by the Senator.

2. That Commissioner Lee be similarly advised of use of his name.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: February 6, 1961

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

FORMER CLERICAL EMPLOYEE

Former SA Robert E. Lee, now Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, called me on January 25 and said that [REDACTED] who described himself as a former clerk and writer for the FBI, was being considered for a writing position with H. L. Hunt, the Texas oil man.

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Lee said that Hunt had called him to find out just what [REDACTED] record was in the Bureau, it being noted that [REDACTED] is now working for the Department of Interior. Mr. Lee was advised of [REDACTED] service record with us and was informed that [REDACTED] services while in the Bureau were satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity while he was with us.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

1 - Mr. Callahan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

DATE: April 10, 1964

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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Robert Lee

The Congressional Record for Thursday, April 9, 1964, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

The proceedings of the House contain nothing of particular interest to the Bureau.

Adjournment: Until Friday, April 10, 1964, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 7209-7234. Senator Bible, (D) Nevada, spoke in support of the nomination of Walter N. Tobriner to be Commissioner of the District of Columbia. He included several editorials in support of his recommendation. Senator Morse, (D) Oregon, opposed this nomination. Mr. Morse stated "What is the major basis of my opposition to Mr. Tobriner? Mr. Tobriner is president of the District of Columbia Commissioners. He is the Commissioner who has under his jurisdiction the administration of the Washington, D. C. Police Force. I do not believe he has been doing a good job in that capacity." Mr. Morse pointed out that he had been conducting a study of complaints against the police department. Mr. Morse also comments on investigative arrests and pointed out that Tobriner favors a modification of the Mallory rule. He stated "There are various ways of obtaining authority for investigative arrest. In my judgment, Mr. Tobriner—although he professes to be against investigative arrests—and the Department of Justice and the chief of police are seeking to produce a situation which will add up to investigative arrest, by means of their proposed modification of the Mallory rule." Mr. Morse included an

- 1 - Mr. Tolson - with enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - with enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Mohr - with enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - with enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - with enclosure
- 1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell - with enclosure

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

SENATE - continued

article from the Washington Evening Star of March 31, 1964, captioned "Mallory Interpretation Left Standing by Court." The article states "The Supreme Court yesterday left standing an appeals court interpretation of the Mallory rule attacked by the Government, which said it has implications for all Federal laws enforcement. The action came in an unsigned refusal to hear a Government appeal from reversal of the bank robbery conviction of James R. Seals, Jr., by the U. S. Court of Appeals. - - - Judge George T. Washington, who delivered the opinion, said the 3 hours that Seals was questioned at the FBI office was an 'unnecessary and unreasonable' delay in his arraignment and thereby violated the Mallory rule." Mr. Morse included the text of the Supreme Court Decision and the decision by the U. S. Court of Appeals. References to the FBI in the decisions have been noted. Mr. Morse also included other material with his remarks.

The Senate continued debate on H. R. 7152, proposed Civil Rights Act. They will continue consideration of this legislation today.

Page 7259. The Senate confirmed the nomination of Walter N. Tobriner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Adjournment: Until Friday, April 10, 1964, at 10 a. m.

APPENDIX

Pages A1766-A1769. Congressman Harris, (D) Arkansas, submitted an address delivered by E. William Henry, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), before the National Association of Broadcasters in Chicago on April 7, 1964. Mr. Henry, in introducing the Commissioners of FCC, stated "Next in line up the ladder comes Robert (Ultrahigh Frequency) Lee, the only Irish Catholic Republican Commissioner from Chicago on any Federal agency. As you know, his wit is as unique as his background. As a 10-year veteran of Commission battles and a former FBI agent, he is the FCC's candidate for broadcasting's big brother." (Robert E. Lee was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from January 10, 1938, to June 28, 1946. His services were satisfactory.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 20, 1967

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT:

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Robert E. Lee

In connection with investigation of

our New York Office has determined that

Robert E. Lee, a member of the Board of the Federal Communications Commission, and a former Special Agent of this Bureau. Mr. Lee is on the Director's Special Correspondents' List.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Gale

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McAndrews
1 - Mr. Kelly
1 - Mr. Emery

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JH Gale

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

Re: [REDACTED]

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New York has forwarded a letterhead memorandum, (ATTACHED) which quotes a Brooklyn, New York, newspaper announcement of [REDACTED] and sets forth the above information received from informants.

ACTION:

For your information.

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Suggest Mr. Mohr confidentially
advise Bob Lee.

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W. J. Mohr
H. J. Mohr
J. J. Mohr

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
January 16, 1967

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Commissioner Robert E. Lee serves on the Board of
the Federal Communications Commission.

Inquiry has determined that [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On January 3, 1963, a confidential source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

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On July 23, 1965, a second confidential source, who
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

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[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions
of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your
agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your
agency.

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On December 10, 1965, this second confidential source advised that [REDACTED]

On January 19, 1965, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

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On April 15, 1966, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

On October 20, 1966, this fourth confidential source, after viewing a current photograph of [REDACTED] positively identified [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 2/8/67

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]
ANTI-RACKETEERING
ROBERT E. LEE
Federal Communications Commission
Former Special Agent

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Reference is made to Mr. Gale's memo to Mr. DeLoach dated 1/20/67 which reflects that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
La Cosa Nostra. Robert E. Lee's (member of the Federal Communications Commission and former Special Agent) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Director approved my advising Mr. Lee confidentially of the data we had developed concerning the [REDACTED]

I saw Mr. Lee in his office on 1/24/67 and briefed him fully concerning the information confidential informants had furnished to us concerning the [REDACTED] Mr. Lee said he was very appreciative to the Director for making this information available to him, however, he didn't know what he was able to do about it at the present time. He said he was understandably shocked and would have to clearly weigh this information in the future. [REDACTED]

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

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Boss of FCC Seeks Leave To Step Down

By DAVID BREASTED

Washington, July 6. (News Bureau) — Federal Communications Commissioner Robert E. Lee said today he had applied to President Johnson for retirement. Lee, 55, said he made the request Monday in a letter to the President, and not yet received an answer. The effective date of



Robert E. Lee.
He wants out.

retirement from his \$27,500-a-year post would be at the President's discretion.

The commissioner was a member of a 4-3 FCC majority which approved in December, and again last month, the controversial merger of International Telephone & Telegraph and the American Broadcasting Co.

Served Two Terms

Lee's second seven-year FCC term expired June 30. Asked his reasons for retirement, he said, "You think about these things at the end of your term. I'm 55, and eligible."

He said he had "four or five" job offers.

Lee said his retirement request had nothing to do with separate FCC and Justice Department investigations of a possible relationship between him and ITT.

He noted that the investigations which he requested had found no substance to an allegation based on hearsay that he had asked a man, then in a trade association and later connected with broadcasting, to help set up a job interview for Lee's son.

Lee said that he had found the allegation when he looked through papers filed in connection with the merger.

His appointment to the FCC on Oct. 6, 1953, came under fire because he was a friend of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.).

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MEMBER OF F.C.C. RESIGNS HIS POST

Lee Quits After 14 Years
to Take Industry Job

WASHINGTON, July 6 (UPI) — Robert E. Lee, a Republican who has been a member of the Federal Communications Commission for the last 14 years, said today he had resigned to enter private industry.

Mr. Lee, 55 years old, said either of two job offers, one from an unidentified communications trade association, would equal his present \$27,500 annual salary. In addition, he said, he will get a \$16,000-a-year pension from the commission.

Mr. Lee's second seven-year term expired June 30. He sent President Johnson a letter Monday asking that he not be reappointed. Mr. Johnson has not responded. Mr. Lee said his reasons were strictly financial.

Mr. Lee joined the Government in 1930 as an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He became administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover and later chief clerk of the bureau. Before he was named to the Commission, he was investigations director for the House Appropriations Committee.

As a commissioner on the seven-member regulatory agency, Mr. Lee has favored greater use of ultra-high frequency television and expansion of educational television.

He was one of a majority of four members that approved the merger of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and the American Broadcasting Company.

A document submitted during the commission's merger hearings said that Mr. Lee's son had been offered a job by an I.T.T. consultant and that Mr. Lee had offered to help the consultant obtain some commission licenses.

Separate inquiries by the commission and the Justice Department cleared Mr. Lee of having asked for or received favors from I.T.T.

Mr. Lee's departure leaves a Republican vacancy on the commission, which by law maintains a four-member majority off the President's party. The chairman, Rosel Hyde, is one of two other Republican commissioners.

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FCC Commissioner Lee Is Retiring; Term Ends Without a Reappointment



ROBERT E. LEE
...to leave FCC

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By Morton Mintz
Washington Post Staff Writer

Commissioner Robert E. Lee, late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), Lee insisted that McCarthy had nothing to do with his selection.

Lee, who is 55, will retire from his \$27,000-a-year post with an annual pension of about \$16,000. "It's a clean way to leave—at the end of your term," he said.

Lee has "several offers" from private business but said he will act on none until he has ended a tour of Government service that began in 1938 with the FBI.

Asked whether he would take a job in the industry he has been regulating, Lee said, "No."

On the FCC, Lee was known as a proponent of wider use of ultra-high frequency (UHF) and educational television. He was one of the majority of Commissioners who twice gave 4 to 3 approval to the controversial proposed merger of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and the American Broadcasting Co.

In the FBI, Lee became administrative assistant to Director J. Edgar Hoover. Later, he became director of surveys and investigations for the House Appropriations Committee. The Committee was the source of what McCarthy originally called his 57 "Communist" cases.

Lee and his wife were mentioned in an investigation of the election campaign in 1950 that brought the defeat of McCarthy's chief political enemy, the late Sen. Millard E. Tydings (D-Md.).

The investigation was conducted in January, 1954, by the Senate Commerce Committee. At the time, Lee was under a recess appointment made several months earlier by President Eisenhower.

At the Commerce Committee hearing, Lee testified that he considered McCarthy "a great guy" but said he was "in no way beholden" to him.

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FCC Official Tells Johnson He Does Not Want 3d Term

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By RALPH H. KENNAN
[Washington Bureau of The Sun]

Washington, July 6—Robert E. Lee today acknowledged he has asked President Johnson not to reappoint him to a third seven-year term on the Federal Communications Commission.

"I have sent a letter to the President," Lee said, adding he has not received a reply. His term ended officially June 30, but the FCC's seven commissioners routinely serve until a replacement has been nominated by the President and confirmed on Capitol Hill.

Lee, perhaps best known as a supporter of expanded ultra-high frequency television, has been almost 30 years in Government service and has been an FCC commissioner since 1953.

Has Interesting Offers

Asked why he did not seek reappointment, Lee said only, "Well, I've got a few offers that are interesting. I'm 55. I can get a real good pension."

He declined to discuss the offers, saying it was "kind of cricket" not to do so publicly until "I'm off the payroll." His commissioner's job pays \$27,500 a year.

Lee said his decision to resign

had nothing to do with the recent FCC decision to allow the merging of the American Broadcasting Company and International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

He voted with the 4-to-3 majority last month, the second time the FCC has approved the merger.

Considered Last Year

The first time was late last year. The Justice Department had asked the FCC to reconsider its decision. It did so again last month with the same finding. The Justice Department is now considering whether to appeal the decision in court.

Lee, originally from Chicago, joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1938 and became an administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He later became head of surveys and investigation for the House appropriations Committee; a post he held until he was named to the FCC.

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July 7, 1967

PERSONAL

Honorable Robert E. Lee
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Bob:

I have learned of your plans to retire and
wanted to drop you this note of best wishes. Your tenure
has been characterized by ability and honor and it is my
hope that the future will hold much happiness and good
health for you.

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Sincerely,

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NOTE: Lee is a former Special Agent who is on the Special Correspondents' List and known to the Director on a first-name basis. As noted in the attached article, he has asked President Johnson to permit him to retire as Commissioner but has received no response.

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Lee, Backer of ITT Merger, Asks to Leave Post on FCC

By LESLIE CARPENTER
 Star Special Writer

Robert E. Lee has asked President Johnson to permit him to retire as a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission and to leave the government.

The President had offered Lee another seven year term on the FCC, where he has served since Oct. 6, 1953. His last term expired June 30. But an FCC commissioner can continue in office until his successor is named and confirmed.

"I submitted a letter to the President asking for retirement, and I have received no response," Lee said in an interview.

Appointed by Eisenhower

Lee's service in the government, beginning with the FBI and continuing through several congressional staff positions, is 5 months short of 30 years. He is 55.

Lee is a Republican and was appointed to his first and second FCC terms by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Lee said he has no new job



ROBERT E. LEE

lined up, but is "considering two or three things in private business."

While Lee is best known as the commissioner who has given the most enthusiastic backing to

expanded use of the ultra-high frequency UHF TV band, his proposed retirement at this time carries the greatest significance in connection with the merger of the American Broadcasting Companies and International Telephone and Telegraph.

Backed Merger

The FCC recently, for the second time, voted 4-3 to approve the merger, despite FCC staff recommendations. Lee was one of the four-man majority.

The Justice Department, which opposed the merger and asked the FCC earlier this year to take a further look at its first decision last December approving it, is now considering whether to appeal the ABC-ITT case to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here.

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Lee, Robert E.

Johnson Nominates Lee For Third Term on FCC

By GARNETT D. HORNER
Star Staff Writer

President Johnson announced today he intends to nominate Robert E. Lee for a third seven-year term as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The announcement indicated that Lee has changed his mind since making known 10 days ago that he did not plan to accept reappointment.

Lee said then he had asked the President not to consider him for a third term.

Term Expired June 30

Lee is one of three Republicans on the seven-member commission.

His second term expired June 30. He was staying on until a successor was named.

The \$27,000-a-year post requires Senate confirmation.

Lee, 55, is a onetime special

agent for the FBI and for 6 years was an assistant to its chief, J. Edgar Hoover.

He was first appointed to the FCC by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953.

Lee was then director of the surveys and investigations staff of the House Appropriations Committee.

Commerce Nominee

Johnson also announced today that he will nominate Lawrence C. McQuade as assistant secretary of commerce for domestic and international business.

McQuade, who joined the Commerce Department in 1963, was named to fill the post vacated when Alexander Trowbridge was promoted to secretary of commerce.

He has been filling the job on an acting basis since Trowbridge's promotion to Cabinet rank.

McQuade, 39, was a New York lawyer when he came to Washington in 1961 as a special assistant in the Defense Department.

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July 18, 1967

PERSONAL

Honorable Robert E. Lee
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

B. Lee born 1912

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Dear Bob:

I was indeed pleased to read that you
have changed your mind about retirement and that the
President plans to nominate you for a third term. My
associates join me in extending best wishes for con-
tinued success.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Lee is a former Special Agent who is currently on the
Special Correspondents' List and is known to the Director on a first-
name basis. A letter was sent to him on 7-7-67, when it was announced
that he planned to retire.

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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Northwest
Personnel Division, Room 208
Washington, D. C. 20554

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Gentlemen:

RE: MR. ROBERT E. LEE

In accordance with your request you will find the
following enclosed:

☒ Official Personnel Folder☐ Record of Leave Data Transferred

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc.

per pdr (3) 67-106570

Original of following material was sent with OPF and no
copies were retained: "Certificate of Medical Examination,"
Serial #9 (pre-employment physical). Annual physicals
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MEMORANDUM

RE: MR. ROBERT E. LEE

A character and fitness investigation including an appropriate security check was completed by the FBI on December 1, 1937. No pertinent derogatory information regarding this employee was disclosed by this investigation, which was of the type later contemplated by Executive Order 10450. The employee was cleared for access to information of all classifications as required by the duties to which assigned.

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February 24, 1970

PERSONAL

Honorable Robert E. Lee
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Bob:

I have your letter of February 18, 1970, concerning the amount of sick leave accrued to your credit at the time you were separated from this Bureau.

The enclosed Standard Form 1150 sets forth your sick leave record.

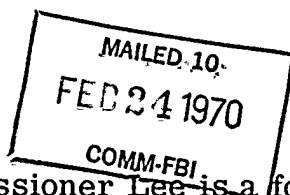
With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Commissioner Lee is a former Special Agent who is currently on the Special Correspondents' List and is known to the Director on a first name basis. Under retirement legislation enacted 10-20-69, accrued sick leave is now creditable for service.

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TO : MR. MOHR

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

DATE: October 1, 1970

SUBJECT: ROBERT E. LEE
Former Special Agent
Now a Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Bob Lee telephonically contacted the writer and indicated he had a very close friend from New York who is desirous of bringing her 12-year old grandson in for a tour Friday, October 2nd at 10:30 A.M. if that were agreeable. He stated the ladies name was [redacted] who has a radio advertising agency in New York City and an interest in a TV station in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lee stated he planned on accompanying [redacted] on the tour as he had not been through the Bureau for a number of years. Lee stated he would appreciate it if the Director might find it possible to take a moment from his busy schedule to shake his hand. There is no identifiable record in the indices on [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that when Lee reports to my office on Friday, October 2nd he be informed the Director's heavy commitments will not permit him to greet Mr. Lee, [redacted] and the grandson.

2. A Special Agent will conduct Mr. Lee and his guests on a special tour.

1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)

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April 27, 1971

Honorable Robert E. Lee
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

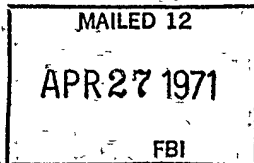
Dear Bob:

I received your letter of April 21st and thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing. Your kind remarks are most encouraging and mean a great deal to me. I am indeed appreciative of the support of Mrs. Lee and you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Mr. Lee is on the Special Correspondents List and is a former SA who EOD 1-10-38 and resigned 6-28-46. He is known to the Director on a first-name basis.

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September 18, 1972

Honorable Robert E. Lee
3147 Westover Drive, S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20020

Dear Mr. Lee:

My associates in the FBI and I were indeed
sorry to learn of the death of your wife and we extend
heartfelt sympathy to your family and you. May you
find solace in your warm memories of her and in the
knowledge that your many friends share your grief.

Sincerely,

Pat Gray

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NOTE: Mr. Lee, who is Commissioner of Federal Communications
Commission, is a former Special Agent who EOD 1-10-38 and
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Mrs. Robert Lee, District Resident

Mrs. Robert E. Lee, 59, a District resident for 30 years, died Monday in George Washington University Hospital after a long illness. She lived on Westover Drive SE.

Mrs. Lee was the wife of a Federal Communications Commissioner.

She was the former Wilma Rector of Kirklin, Ind. She held a diploma from the nursing school of Loyola University in Chicago.

Active in Republican politics here, Mrs. Lee was a member of the Capitol Hill Republican Club and Congressional Country Club.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, Robert E., Jr., of Cheverly, Md., and Michael B., of Annandale; a daughter, Mrs. Martin Fisher of Yorktown, Va.; a brother, Robert G. Rector of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and 13 grand children.

Services were held today at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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BORN MARCH 31, 1912, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND RESIDES 3147 WESTOVER DRIVE, S.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. LEE, WHO WAS FBI AGENT FROM JANUARY, 1938, TO JUNE, 1946, HAS BEEN A COMMISSIONER, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., SINCE 1955. REC-71 10313

SEE WHO'S WHO, 37TH EDITION, PAGE 1855, FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DATA.

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RE: ROBERT EMMETT LEE

BRING 1953 INVESTIGATION UP TO DATE. AT TIME OF THAT INVESTIGATION HE WAS STAFF MEMBER, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, WASHINGTON, D. C. HIS PARENTS WERE DECEASED, AND HE HAD ONE BROTHER, EDWARD P. LEE, RESIDING IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. SISTERS WERE LISTED AS MRS. E. W. O'CONNELL AND MRS. ELEANOR KLANKE, BOTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND SISTER, MARY SAINT CECELIA, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

WASHINGTON FIELD ASCERTAIN CURRENT ADDRESSES OF CLOSE RELATIVES AND SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS. BUFILES INDICATE LEE'S WIFE, THE FORMER WILMA RECTOE, DIED IN SEPTEMBER, 1972. IN 1972 [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY RESIDED b6 b7C
CHEVERLY, MARYLAND; [REDACTED] RESIDED ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA; AND [REDACTED] RESIDED YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA.

CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION OF LEE UNLESS SOME REASON INDICATING ADVISABLE TO DO SO ARISES, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU AUTHORITY SHOULD BE REQUESTED.

WASHINGTON FIELD INCLUDE CHECK OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION FILES AND ALEXANDRIA CHECK CIA.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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ALD, 1965. Fellow
Am. Fedn. Clin.
San Francisco Med. Soc.
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army officers; b. Decatur,
Ga., 1918. Command and
staff, 1939; children—Linda
Robert, Command. 2d Lt. U.S.
to col. 1963; assigned Ft.
1941-47, 1st Inf. Div.,
U.S. Mil. Acad., 1952-55;
U.S. Combat Develop.
attaché, Switzerland,
1958; asst. to pres. So.
Decorated Legion of Merit,
Combat Inf. badge; Belgian
Order World Wars. Home:

historian; b. Phila., June 15,
1885. L. A. B. Princeton.
Garrett, May 27, 1925;
Garrett, Rensselaer
23, 28-28; asst. prof. history
1934-38, prof. 1938-40, Harris
23, Columbia, 1948-54, N.Y.
1940-48, 68-69, chmn.
1948-54, chmn. adv. council
1954-56, dept. fine arts and
Internat. Fedn. Renaissance
Literat. at Council Philosophy and
Carnegie Learning Soc., 1930-31,
1942-44, exec. sec. com.
1944-45, dir., 1953-61;
1954-56, pres., 1968-; mem. Inst.
1954-56, adv. council Inst. Fine Arts,
Columbia, Fellow Am. Acad. Arts
1954, Coll. Art Assn. Am. (sec.
Medieval Acad. Am. (councilor
Internat. (pres. 1962-65),
Episcopalian, Clubs: Grolier,
Cosmos (Washington); Authors
Cosmos. The Humanistic Theory of
Art, 1954; and revs. to learned jour.
1954, editorial bd., 1945-; Home: 120

Feb. 27, 1935; s. Rex E. and
Young U., 1960; J.D., U. Chgo.,
1935; children—Diana, Thomas, Rex;
stud. in Phoenix; law clk.
1963-64; atty. Jennings,
1964-; lect. Am. Inst. Fgn.
1964-; Student body pres.
1964-; Young Men's Mut.
1964-; Latter-day Saints, 1959-60;
Boy Scouts Am. Republics,
1964-; St. Temp. AZ 85281 Office: 111 W

former mayor; b. New Haven, Mar.
1901. Connolly L. student pub. schs.
D. Conn. Rollins Coll., 1965, St.
1964, Apr. 16, 1948; children—Sarah
Elizabeth, Staff writer New Haven
New Haven C. of C., 1940-41; mgr.
U.S. News Bur., 1943-53; mem. bd.
1954-56; vis. fellow social
1954-56; ACTION; chmn. adv. com.
1956-60, Trustee Police
1954-56, La Guardia award, 1959
urban renewal com. U.S. Conf.
Home: 255 McKinley Av New Haven

physician, educator; b. Honolulu, Oct.
1922. L. student U. Hawaii, 1927-29;
1930, M.D., Tulane U., 1933;
1933-35, postgrad. N.Y.U., 1945-46;
1946-48, Virginia Gill, Laure
Tulane U. Sch. Medicine,
New Orleans, 1935-36; practice
Medicine, pub. health, Honolulu,
Hawaii, 1936-43, dir. pub. health,

Health Assn. (past v.p.), Am. Ctr. Preventive Medicine and Pub.
Health; mem. State and Provincial Health Authorities N.M., (exec.
com. 1953-; hon. mem. 1963-); Western Mental Health Council,
Western Interstate Comm. (exec. com. 1961), Assn.
Res. Officers USPHS and (exec. com. 1961), Pacific Sci. Assn.,
Yale, Tulane U., Hawaii, (past v.p.), Hawaii Acad. Sci. (past
pres.), Am. Hawaii med. Soc., 1 v. Hula County Med. Soc. (bd.
govs. 1943-44, 51-52), Mason (32, 39th). Home: 2738 Manoa Rd,
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Aug. 20, 1916; s. John C. and Jean (Reynolds) L. A. B., Hastings
Coll.; 1937; A.M., U. Neb., 1939; p. v. grad. U. Ill., 1939-42; m. Norma
G. Cope, July 27, 1940; children—Karen, Richard, Nancy, Terry.
Research asso. radiation lab. Mass. Inst. Tech., 1942-45; project engr.
GPL div. Gen. Precision, Inc., F. Santaville, N.Y., 1945-49, dept.
head, 1949-52, dir. head, 1952-59, v.p. engring., 1956-59, v.p.
engring. and research, 1959, pres., 1959-63, pres. Librascope Group,
Gen. Precision, Inc., 1963-68, v.p., dir. Singer Gen. Precision, Inc.,
1968-69; pres. ITT Avionics div. Nutley, N.J., 1969-; Sr. mem.
I.E.E.E. Home: 18 Caravan Pl. Mendale NJ 07401 Office: 390
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s. Frank and Shae (Fong) L. A. B. U. Cal. at Berkeley, 1951; M.A.,
Pacific Sch. Religion, 1953; B.D. magna cum laude, Union Theol.
Sem., 1954; Ph.D., Columbia, 1955; m. M. May Goss, Feb. 4, 1951;
children—Michelle Lynn, Marcu, Arthur, Matthew John, Wendy
Gale, Michelle Micho. Ordained to ministry United Ch. Christ, 1954,
transferred to United Presby. Ch., 1956; Western regional exec. sec.
Chinese Student Christian Assn., 1949-50; asst. sec. Stiles Hall, Univ.
YMCA, Berkeley, Cal., 1950-52; dir. research Protestant Council
N.Y., 1954; from instr. to asst. pres. ch. and community Union Theol.
Sem., 1955-61; lectr. philosophy Mills Coll. Edn., 1956-57; Margaret
Dollar prof. social ethics, dir. Inst. Ethics and Soc., San Francisco
Theol. Sem., 1961-; prof. area comm. Grad. Theol. Union, 1962-;
vis. prof. Union Theol. Sem., sur mer 1964, Internat. Christian U.,
Tokyo, Japan, 1964-65, Asst. S.E. Asian Seminars, Hong Kong,
1965; vis. scholar Stanford Grad. Sch. Bus., 1971-72; co-opt staff
World Council Chs. Conf. Ch. and Soc., Geneva, Switzerland, 1966;
lectr., TV appearances, 1956-; pres. ISI Corp., 1971-72; moderator
Inst. Religion and Social Studies, Jewish Theol. Sem., 1960; asst.
Columbia Seminars, 1961, Adv. com. problems met. soc. United
Presby. Ch., 1961-; Center Study Democratic Instrs., Coll. Marin,
1965-; Bd. sponsors Christianity and Crisis; bd. dirs. Am. Soc.
Christian Ethics, Marin Council Community Services, Festival
Theatre Found., Planned Parenthood Assn., Marin County, Pacific
S.W. Student YMCA, Mem. Religious Research Assn. (book rev.
editor jour. 1959-65), Am. Social. Assn., Soc. Religion Higher Edn.,
Soc. Sci. Study Religion, Pacific Coast Theol. Group, Author: Social
Sources of Church Unity, 1960; Religion and Leisure in America,
1964; Dictionary of Centers for the Study of Society, 1965; Stranger
in the Land, 1967; (with Russ Galloway) The S. Nazareth Church,
1969; The Promise of John C. Bennett, 1969; (with Marjorie Case) The
The Spouse Gap, 1971. Editor: Cities and Churches, 1962; (with
Martin E. Marty) Religion and Social Conflict, 1964; The Church and
The Exploding Metropolis, 1965. Editor: Action: Reaction: Chimes.
Contrib. prof. jour., books. Home: 15 Kensington Ct San Anselmo
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LEE, ROBERT E., transp. co. exec.; b. Hammon, Okla., May 5, 1919;
s. Robert W. and Bess (Hamrick) L. A. B., U. Okla., 1940; m. Jane
Strotnier, June 6, 1942; children—Robert E., Linda Jane (Mrs. Dewey
Buck Rooker III), Terry Lou, With Lee Way Motor Freight, Inc.,
Oklahoma City, 1940-; v.p., 1952-66, pres., 1966-; also chmn. bd.;
dir. Liberty Nat. Bank & Trust Co., Oklahoma City, Transport Ins.
Co., Dallas, Flor. Investment Co., Phoenix, Capital, Inc., Oklahoma
City; trustee Mobile Home Communities, Denver, Mem. Link Com.
Okla., 1970-71, Task Force Okla. Sci. and Tech., 1970-; Myriad Task
Force, Oklahoma City, 1970-; stress, Oklahoma Art Center, 1970-71;
chmn. Okla. Radio Free Europe, 1970, Mem. Chief Execs. Forum,
Boy Scouts Am. (guardian mem.), Young Pres. Orgn. (sr. v.p.),
Oklahoma City C. of C. (v.p. bd. dirs.), Club: Fortune, Oklahoma
City Golf and Country, Embassy (Oklahoma City), Home: 1527
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LEE, ROBERT E., gov. ofcl.; b. Chgo., Mar. 31, 1912; s. Patrick and
Della (Ryan) L. grad. DePaul U., 1935; m. Wilma Rector, 1936;
children—Patricia, Robert E., Michael B. Agt., fiscal asst. to J. Edgar
Hoover, FBI, 1939-47; dir. surveys and investigations house
appropriations com. U.S. Congress, 1947-53; commr. FCC, 1953-;
Mem. I.E.E.E. Clubs: Congressional Country, Republican
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LEE, ROBERT EDWIN, playwright, b. Elyria, O., Oct. 13, 1918; s.
Claire Melvin and Elvira (Taff) L. student Ohio Wesleyan U.,
1935-37, Litt.D., 1962; m. Janet Waldo, Mar. 29, 1948;
children—Jonathan, Lucy, Vice pres. Lawrence & Lee, Inc., 1946-;

1940; comdr. 73d Reconnaissance Group, 1942, Chief Staff 1st Air
Support Command, 1943; dep. comdg. gen. operations Hdqrs. 9th Air
Force, 1944-45; chief staff Tactical Air Command, 1946, dep. comdg.
1947-48, comdg. gen., 1948-51; assigned Hdqrs. USAF, 1951-52,
comdg. gen. Hdqrs. 12th Air Force Germany, 1953-56, comdg. 4th
Allied Tactical Air Force, 1957-57, 9th Air Force, 1957-59,
chief staff UN Command, 1959-59; vice comdr. Air Del
Command, 1960, comdr., 1961-63; air dep. SAC/LR, SHAPE,
1963-66; ret., 1966. Decorated D.S.M., Legion Merit, Bronze Star,
Air medal; comdr. Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre with palm
(France); comdr. Order of Nasser, Croix de Guerre
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Mil. Acad., 1954; M.B.A., Syracuse U., 1964; LL.D., Western New
Eng. Coll., 1969. Command. 2d Lt. U.S. Army, 1954, advanced through
grades to maj., 1965; communications officer 3d Armored Corps,
1954-56; radio and wire communications constr. enging., Okinawa,
1956-59; radio announcer sta. ASUK, Okinawa, 1957-59; instr. orig.
and staff procedures U.S. Army Signal Sch., 1960-61, instr. plans and
operations, 1961, chief operations officer, 1961-62; asst. G-3
(operations) adviser Vietnam 9th Div., 1962-63; chief electronic
system sect., evaluation 1st systems analysis Army Materiel
Command, 1964-65; White House fellow, 1965; resigned commn.,
1966; mem. staff Lawrence F. O'Brien, The White House, 1965; asst.
to postmaster gen., 1965-66; asst. provost, dir. Center for Urban
Affairs, Mich. State U., 1966-69; asst. postmaster gen. for planning
and marketing, 1969-; lect. in field, Trustee Western New Eng.
Coll. Decorated Army Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster;
named Neighbor of the Month, Springfield, Mass., June 1950;
recipient Arthur S. Flemming award, 1963, Mem. N.A.A.C.P., Nat.
Urban League, Md. Suburb., Fair Housing, Inc., Assn. West Point
Grads, Assn. Syracuse Army Comptrollers, Armed Forces Writers
League, Am. Soc. Pub. Adminstr., White House Fellows Assn. (1st
pres. 1966), Am. Acad. Folkl. and Social Sci., Nat. Acad. Pub.
Adminstr. (trustee), Alpha Psi Alpha, Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha
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18, 1905; s. Ernest Powers and Maude Susan (Anderson) L. B.A., U.
Minn., 1927, student, 1933-33; M.A., U. Chgo., 1939; m. Jean
Prochaska, Oct. 24, 1942. Active preservation Am. historic sites,
bldgs., conservation natural landscape, 1933-; chief historian Nat.
Park Service, 1933-42, 46-51, asst. dir., chief interpretation, 1951-60,
Park Service, 1960-66, spl. asst. to dir., 1966-; mem. com. experts on sites,
and monuments, arts and history UNESCO, 1949, Bt. trustees Nat.
Trust for Historic Preservation, Served with USAF, 1942-46,
Recipient Cornelius Amory Pugsley Silver Medal for conservation
activities, 1952, Distinguished Service Medal and Gold Medal, Dept.
Interior, 1958; George McNary medal for hist. preservation
activities, 1961, Mem. Am. Scenic and Historic Preservation Soc.
(trustee), Am. Assn. State and Local History, National Parks Assn.,
Theodore Roosevelt Assn. (trustee), Wilderness Soc., Phi Beta Kappa,
Delta Sigma Rho, Clubs: Cosmos (Washington), Century Assn.
(N.Y.C.), Author: United States-Historical and Archeological
Monuments, 1951, Home: Hopkinson House Washington Sq S
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1926; s. Roy and Mary Jewel (Culp) L. B.S. in Mech. Enging., Tex.
A. and M. U., 1950; m. Kathryn Marie Chapman, Sept. 14, 1952;
children—Roy III, Mark Stephen, Karen Elizabeth, Process engr.
Phillips Chem. Co., Pasadena, Tex., 1954-56; plant engr. Texas City
Chems. Co., 1956-59; chief engr. Truman B. Wayne & Assoc.,
Houston, 1956-59; v.p. dir. enging. Uncle Bens, Inc., Houston,
1959-69; pres., exec. v.p. la. Beef Processors, Dakota City, 1969-;
Served with AUS, 1944-46; PTO, Mem. Inst. Food Technologists,
Am. Assn. Chem. Engrs. Tex. Soc. Prof. Engrs. Home: 4617 Perry
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LEE, SARAH TOMERLIN, pub. exec. b. Union City, Tenn.; b.
Charles Granville and Dorothy (Robinson) Tomerlin; B.A.
Randolph-Macon Woman's Coll., 1932; m. Thomas Bailey Lee, Dec.
28, 1938; children—Todd Granville, Charles Tomerlin, Copy editor
Vogue mag., 1942-45; cosmetic editor Harper's Bazaar, 1947-52;
adviser to Helena Rubinstein, Elizabeth Arden, Jacqueline Cochran
and Lily Dache; v.p. Hockaday Assoc., 1952-59, Lord & Taylor,
1958-64; editor-in-chief House Beautiful mag., 1964-69; pub. dir.
Fashion Inst. Tech., 1971-; Trustee Randolph Macon Woman's
Coll. Am. Craftsmen's Council, 1969-; Mem. Fashion Group (pres.
1959-61), Club: Cosmopolitan (N.Y.C.), Author: Sterling Silver
Handbook; Air Force Manual, Office: 1010 3d Av New York City NY
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April 4, 1984

Mr. Robert E. Lee
2411 North Quebec Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Director has referred your letter to me and I want to thank you for writing. It is always nice to hear from our former associates.

Being a former member of the FBI, as well as a former Federal Communications Commission (FCC) official, you will understand why it would be inappropriate for the FBI to file written comments with the FCC regarding private frequency allocations. Consequently, the FBI will be unable to respond to your request.

However, I do want to thank you for writing and for your support and comments.

Sincerely,

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Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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NOTE: Mr. Lee is a former SA (1/10/38 - 6/28/46) and Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (1953-1981). He was known to former Director Hoover on a first-name basis and was on the Special Correspondents' List. He requested that the FBI file written comments with the Federal Communications Commission in support of exclusive frequency allocations for the central station alarm industry. This letter is to acknowledge his request and to advise him that it would be inappropriate for the FBI to comment.

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